



MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS

Official Publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation

WWW.MUSCOGEENATION-NSN.GOV – COMMUNICATIONS@MUSCOGEENATION-NSN.GOV

FIRST CLASS MAIL
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit # 14
Okmulgee, OK
74447



Vol. 36 • Issue 6

P.O. Box 580 • Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

June 2006

Inside June's Issue

TRIBAL – SECTION A



Chief A. D. Ellis gets visit from Congressman Istook

Page A2

LEGISLATIVE



National Council Report

Page A3

BUSINESS



Traditional Dolls by Lisa Cherino

Page A4

SCENE – SECTION C



All the information you need for a great time at the Muscogee Nation Festival being held in June. Don't miss this great event! See Section C for Details.

THIS MONTH'S REMINDER

A new page for the Muscogee Nation News will be introduced in the coming issues titled, "Notes to the Nation". This page is reserved for tribal and non-tribal citizens in order for them to express positive feedback, such as; recognition, thank you, etc. This gives everyone an opportunity to recognize a specific person or entity that have went above and beyond the call of duty. For more information or submissions contact: Starla Bush (918)732-7645 or e-mail article in Word to sbush@muscogeenation-nsn.gov.



Chief A.D. Ellis accepts the deed to the Okemah Hospital on the steps of the court house.

Photo by Jason Salsman

Okemah Hospital, right where it belongs after 28 years

By Jason Salsman

Now, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation can begin plans for upgrading the hospital that will benefit the entire rural area surrounding Okemah. We are glad this longstanding issue is settled.

Twenty eight years of frustration are over for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation on June 6, Chief Ellis stood on the steps of the Okemah courthouse and received the warranty deed to the Okemah Hospital from the Okfuskee County Commissioners. This ceremony consummated recent efforts by Muscogee Nation Health Systems Acting CEO, Del Nutter to negotiate a "final settlement" for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. This hand-off had been a long time coming for the tribe. The County Commissioners were originally given a Hill-

Burton loan in the amount of \$150,318. The Creek Nation leased the Okemah Hospital in 1977, with the County Commissioner debt still in force with interest. The Department of Human Resources wanted one of two parties to satisfy the loan and for the next 28 years a catch-22 existed between the

County Commissioners and the tribe. But Chief Ellis decided the tribe would stand its ground and didn't believe the debt belonged to the Creek Nation. The Tribe proposed a plan to the DHS to pay off the original amount of \$150,318 without having to pay the interest amount of \$471,637. DHS accepted the offer and gave the tribe 90 days with extension to pay the original loan. The Tribe has paid the amount and now has the deed to the hospital. Chief Ellis explained the importance of the settlement. "Now, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation can begin plans for upgrading the hospital that will benefit the entire rural area surrounding Okemah. We are glad this longstanding issue is settled."

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOSTS "YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP"



By Josh Slane

The Community Development Department in combination with the Cultural Development Department put on a Youth Leadership Camp for Muscogee youth at the Tiger Mountain Ranch Resort. The youths were chosen from various communities on many criteria including, but not limited to, leadership

and academic skills. They performed a variety of activities including finger weaving, stick ball, and even had their own National Council Session in which several National Council representatives joined in.

The purpose of this camp was to teach the youths about their ancestry and to help them build leadership skills that they will take back to their communities

and will benefit the whole of the tribe. It also taught them about the tribe's government so that, should they choose to seek office one day, they should be well informed.

The camp was not, however, all work and no play. Other activities included a hay bale

See **Youth**
Continued On Page 4

MUSCOGEE PAGEANT CROWNS NEW ROYALTY FOR 2006

By Jason Salsman

Muscogee (Creek) women do many things. They give their people lineage, they are charged with keeping the customs and traditions of their tribe alive and they wear crowns as ambassadors to a nation.

definitely bright, with the Little Miss contestants taking the stage. Every young lady did so well, it was a shame that only one could win in each division. Division I Little Miss was awarded to SaRae Butler. The title of Little Miss Division II went to Angel Johnson. To round out



2006 Newly Crowned Miss, Senior Miss and JR Miss Muscogee.

Photo By Muscogee Communications Dept.

Before a gathered audience over the weekend at the Henryetta High School Auditorium, the 2006 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Royalty was crowned as new members in the Miss, Junior Miss, Little Miss and Senior Miss Divisions all put on their sashes and took their first walks with their new titles.

Friday night was the Junior Miss and Miss Muscogee portion of the pageant. Each contestant was judged on their traditional dress, ability to answer wide ranges of questions and their talent. In the end, it was Samantha Jackson who came out on top just ahead of Taylor Tiger to become the 2006 Junior Miss Muscogee. In the later contest, the judges had a tough decision on their hands, as all the young ladies were bright, talented and in tune with the ways and customs of the Creek people. But, there has to be a winner and Melanie Amber Frye rose above the competition to become the new Miss Muscogee for 2006.

On Saturday, it was evident that the future of our nation is

the Divisions, Division III the oldest Little Miss was awarded to Ashleigh Johnson. In the Senior Miss competition the audience got to see why Muscogee women are such a precious and valued facet of our culture. The ladies showed class, dignity and beauty in their quest to represent the tribe. This year's Senior Miss Muscogee was awarded to Mary Gooden. It was very evident from all contests that these women and young ladies are all winners and each will do a wonderful job representing the Creek Nation.

The events were emceed by Joyce Bear and Wilbur "Chebon" Gouge. There was also a slide presentation highlighting the reign of the 2005 royalty. It reminded the new winners of responsibilities and the busy schedule that the royalty must keep.

Many people came together to make this even a huge success. From the judges to the prizes, decorations, programs and food this year's Muscogee pageant was tribute to years past and look ahead to an even brighter future.



Jeff S. Fife, became the very first graduate of the College of the Muscogee Nation programs.

L-R: Sharon Mouse, Jeff S. Fife, Myra Starr.
See Education, Page A8 For Complete Story.

Photo By Ruth Bible

Office of the Principal Chief

To All Creek Citizens,

Welcome Home! I have passed my deadline for the monthly article so this is a very short message. Welcome home to our Annual Creek Festival and Rodeo. Please feel free to come by my office and visit or tour our beautiful capitol grounds. Many changes have been made since last year. Again welcome to all.

MVTO



Chief A. D. Ellis

“Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression”



Chief A. D. Ellis and Congressman Ernest Istook, Jr. (R) 5th District-OK visit in Chiefs office prior to visiting the Koweta Indian Health Facility.

LEGAL NOTICES

May District Court Filings

Criminal Misdemeanors:
• CRM. 2006-13
Owen: Robert, Jr.
Ct. 1 Public Intoxication
• CRM.2006-14
Fixico: Sherry
Ct. 1 Public Intoxication

Criminal Felony:
• CRF.2006-16
Grayson: Nolan
Possession of Illegal Drugs
w/intent to Distribute

• CRF.2006-17
Curley: Micah
Possession of Illegal Drugs
• CRF.2006-18
Gourd: Jesse
Receiving Stolen Property

Civil:
• CV.2006-41
Saber Acceptance Co. v. Powell:
Peggy & Sunny
Foreign Judgment
• CV.2006-42

Beneficial Oklahoma, Inc. v.
Holata: James
Foreign Judgment
• CV.2006-43
Royal Finance v. McBee: Jessina
Small Claims
• CV.2006-45
MCN v. 2001 Ford Black Suv
VIN# 1fmzu77e61uc32954 and
\$3,070 Cash
Seizure & Forfeiture

Family Domestic:
• FD.2006-07
TCSE, Ex. Rel., Johnson:
Ronessa v. Whitlow: Mitchell,
Jr.
Child Support
• FD.2006-08
TCSE, Ex. Rel., Massey: Shanaa
Rayon v. Fox: Jason Bradlee
Child Support

Protective Orders:
• PO.2006-13
Jones: Roxanne v. Lawrence:
Marcus
• PO.2006-14
Fowler: Winicy v. Borgus: Mark

and Suits: Kelly
• PO.2006-15
Lindsey: Becky v. Joshua:
Sadina
• PO.2006-16
Lindsey: Becky v. Osborne:
Tonya
• PO.2006-17
Hill: Millie v. Joshua: Sadina
• PO.2006-18
Armstrong: Adreanne v.
Bassham: Steven

Traffic
• TR.2006-159
Young: Martin
Disorderly Conduct
• TR.2006-160
Burns: Gordon
Possession of Illegal Drug
Paraphernalia
• TR.2006-161
Erwin: Raymond
Possession of Illegal Drugs
• TR.2006-162
Osburn: Randell
DUS
• TR.2006-163
Osburn: Randell
No Insurance
• TR.2006-164
Mann: Vickie
DUS
• TR.2006-165
Buckmaster: Wendell
DUS
• TR.2006-166
Buckmaster: Wendell
Disorderly Conduct
• TR.2006-167

Laughlin: Bobby
Disorderly Conduct
• TR.2006-168
Douglas: Mikel
Disorderly Conduct
• TR.2006-169
Washington: Daniel
DUS
• TR.2006-170
Washington: Daniel
No Insurance
• TR.2006-171
Washington: Daniel
Expired Tag
• TR.2006-172
Puckett: Lawrence
No Insurance
• TR.2006-173
Hand: Richard
No Insurance
• TR.2006-174
Walker: Carrie
DUS
• TR.2006-175
Arce: Jacinto
Disorderly Conduct
• TR.2006-176
Arce: Jacinto
Disorderly Conduct
• TR.2006-177
Mayton: Danny
DUS
• TR.2006-178
Angeles: Ocampo
No Driver’s License
• TR.2006-179
Angeles: Ocampo
No Insurance
• TR.2006-180
Chambliss: Jason
Poss. Of Alcohol on Tribal
Land
• TR.2006-181
McNinch: Billy
Poss. Of Illegal Drugs
• TR.2006-182
Mcinch: Billy
Poss. Of Illegal Drug
Paraphernalia
• TR.2006-183
Mcckle: Allen
Turning without regard to safety
• TR.2006-184
Hise: William, III
DUS
• TR.2006-185
Presley: Shawn
Expired Tag
• TR.2006-186
Presley: Shawn
No Insurance
• TR.2006-187
Graham: Bryon
DUS
• TR.2006-188
Graham: Bryon
No Insurance
• TR.2006-189
Graham: Bryon

Expired Tag
• TR.2006-190
Richardson: Edward
No Insurance
• TR.2006-191
Richardson: Edward
DUS
• TR.2006-192
York: Regina
DUS
• TR.2006-193
York: Regina
No Insurance
• TR.2006-194
Winimer: Claude
DUS
• TR.2006-195
Moles: Josh
Disorderly Conduct
• TR.2006-196
Oyler: Steven
DUS
• TR.2006-197
Long: Dino
Expired Tag
• TR.2006-198
Fletcher: William
Invalid Drivers License
(Expired)

Divorce:
None
Marriage Licenses:
None

EDDIE JACOBS
P.O. Box 2322
Oklahoma City, OK 73101
(405) 524-4215

March 25, 2006
CERTIFIED MAIL

Keith Harper, Esq.

Native American Rights Fund
1712 N Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036-2976

Dennis M. Gingold, Esq.
607 14th Street NW, Box #6
Washington, DC 20005

Re: Request for “Statement of
Non-Party” for Eddie Jacobs,
Individual Indian Money
Beneficiary

Dear Mr. Harper and Mr.
Gingold:

On March 21, 2006, I made a
presentation to the Intertribal
Monitoring Association (ITMA)
Meeting on trust funds issues
hosted by the Comanche
Nation in Lawton, Oklahoma.
Enclosed is a copy of my state-
ment, so you may better under-
stand my request.

Ross Swimmer, Special Trustee
and Donna Erwin, Deputy
Trustee, Office of Special
Trustee, United States
Department of Interior were
present at the ITMA meeting.
Patricia Gerard was assigned as
my contact with the Special
Trustee’s Office.

Mr. Swimmer and Ms. Erwin
promised me at the ITMA
meeting, the Office of Special
Trustee, Department of Interior
will conduct a reconciliation
based on my father’s and my
IIM and USGS documents on
the condition you release me
from possible legal representa-
tion in Cobell v. Norton.

This seems unnecessary since I
am not a class member. I have
already been recognized as a
‘non-party’ by the Department
of Justice in ‘Defendants’
Opposition to Non-Party Eddie
Jacobs’ Motion for Leave to
File Under Seal Eddie Jacobs’
Individual Indian Money
Account Documents, submitted
to the court, February 24,
2005. (See enclosed docu-
ments).

However, Mr. Swimmer may
not be aware of the above doc-

ument and will not perform rec-
onciliation and payment of my
accounts until you, the class
plaintiffs attorney, state you are
not my legal representative.
Therefore, I request you please
sign the enclosed statement so I
can obtain my long-awaited rec-
onciliation/accounting and pay-
ment.

If the Justice Department’s
statement to the court that I am
a ‘non-party’ sufficiently satisfies
Mr. Swimmer that I am not a
Cobell class member, I request
Mr. Swimmer please confirm his
decision in writing to all con-
cerned to speed the process.

However, in keeping with Mr.
Swimmer’s requirement and
request for your statement, I
request that you please execute
the enclosed ‘Statement of Non-
Party’ and return it to me as
soon as possible. Thank you for
your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
Eddie Jacobs

CC:Ross Swimmer, Special
Trustee, Office of Special
Trustee, Department of Interior
Donna Erwin, Principal Deputy
Trustee, Office of Special
Trustee, Department of Interior
Patricia D. Gerard,
Management Analyst, Office of
Special Trustee, Office of
External Affairs, Department of
Interior
A.D. Ellis, Principal Chief,
Muscogee Creek Nation
Chad Smith, Principal Chief,
Cherokee Nation
Gregory E. Pyle, Chief,
Choctaw Nation
Bill Anoatubby. Governor,
Chickasaw Nation
Kelly Haney, Chief, Seminole
Nation of Oklahoma
Jim Gray, Chief Osage Nation
and Inter-Tribal Monitoring
Association Chairman
Senator John McCain
Chairman, Chairman United
States Senate Committee on
Indian Affairs
Representative Richard Pombo,
Chairman, House Resources
Committee
Senator Tom Coburn, United
States Senate Committee on
Indian Affairs
Representative Dan Boren,
Oklahoma Member House
Resources Committee

Attachments:

(1) Copy of Eddie Jacobs’
Statement, March 21, 2006
presented to ITMA Meeting
(2) Copy of ‘Defendants’
Opposition to Non-Party Eddie
Jacobs’ Motion for Leave to
File Under Seal Eddie Jacobs’
Individual Indian Money
Account Documents, dated
February 24, 2005
(3) Copy of Order, dated
September 2, 2004

(4) Statement of Non-Party

Statement of Eddie Jacobs
IIM Beneficiary

Intertribal Monitoring
Association on Indian Trust
Funds
Hosted by the Comanche
Nation
March 21-22, 2006
9:00 a.m. ñ 4:00 p.m.

My name is Eddie Jacobs. I am
a citizen of the Muscogee Creek
Nation, Five Civilized Tribes of
Oklahoma, located in
Okmulgee, Oklahoma. I am an
Individual Indian Money (IIM)
account trust beneficiary, and
resident of Oklahoma City
where I am employed in a full
time position. In order to
attend this meeting, it was nec-
essary to take time off. I am
chairman of the Oklahoma
Indian Mineral Owners
Association (OIMOA), and am
the named founder and former
chairman of Oklahoma Indian
Land and Mineral Associated
Nations (OILMAN), and a
member of the Royalty Policy
Committee. With all these
titles, one might believe I am a
man of means, but that is far
from the truth.

I have struggled for many years
attempting to obtain an
accounting, audit, or reconcilia-
tion for my deceased father’s
and my IIM accounts. My
struggle began in 1981 when
my father died and continues
today. I gathered documents
dating back to 1912, which
substantiate my fatheris and my
claim. These documents have
traveled a long journey. When I
attended an Indian Minerals
Steering Committee (IMSC)
meeting in Albuquerque, an
IMSC official requested my
documents. Minerals
Management Service (MMS)
transferred my documents to
her and she transferred the
packet to the IMSC Chairman,
a United States Solicitor. The
Solicitor transferred them to the
Justice Department, who later
turned them over to Cobell
Plaintiffs attorneys. The docu-
ments were also sent to the
Office of Trust Fund
Management (OTFM) and I
even presented them at a Senate
Hearing in Washington, D.C.
To date, my claim based on the
supporting documents has not
been satisfied in spite of the fact
all these entities had my docu-
ments long before Cobell was
filed.

The American Indian Trust
Fund Management Reform Act
of 1994 specifies the responsi-
bility of the Secretary to

See **Legal**
Continued On Page B4

The Muscogee Nation News is the official publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Its purpose is to meet any possible need of the tribe and its citizens through the dissemination of information. Reprint permission is granted with credit to The Muscogee Nation News, unless other copyrights are shown. Editorial statements appearing in The Muscogee Nation News, guest columns, and readers’ letters reflect the opinion of the individual writer and not those of The Muscogee Nation News, its advisors, nor the tribal administration. Editorials and letters must be signed by the individual writer and include a traceable address or phone number to be considered for publication. Deadline for submissions to be considered for inclusion in the next edition is the third Friday of the previous month. The Muscogee Nation News reserves the right to edit all submissions for space, style, and grammar. Receipt of submissions does not obligate The Muscogee Nation News in any regard. The Muscogee Nation News is mailed Standard Class A from Okmulgee, Oklahoma to all enrolled citizens’ households upon request and proof of citizenship. Inquiries should be directed to the tribal communications department. Please include your tribal enrollment number with all correspondence.

TO CHANGE OR SUBMIT AN ADDRESS,
CALL (918) 732-7637
or send e-mail to: wmurphy@muscogeenation-nsn.gov.

OKMULGEE - THE FOLLOWING CONSIST OF ACTIONS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL CONDUCTED AT THE MARCH 25, 2006, REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 25, REGULAR SESSION

ABSENT WAS: BO JOHNSON, OKMULGEE;

SPEAKER GEORGE TIGER, CREEK DISTRICT, CONDUCTED THE MEETING AND DID NOT VOTE.

IN ORDER OF BUSINESS:

• APPROVED (24-0-0) TR 06-017, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING TR 05-085, “GRIEVANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURE” OF THE HOUSING DIVISION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION Sponsor: Larry Bible

• APPROVED (24-0-0) TR 06-020, A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING A CREEK TRIBAL CITIZEN RANKING PREFERENCE FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE HOUSING DIVISION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION - Sponsor: Larry Bible; Co-Sponsor: Jeff Fife

• APPROVED AS AMENDED (24-0-0), TR 06-021

A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING THE MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM POLICY AS ADOPTED BY TR 05-128 - Sponsor: Larry Bible;

• APPROVED AS AMENDED (24-0-0), TR 06-022

A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO (1) ACCEPT A DEED FOR AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THREE TRACTS OF LAND IN OKMULGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA; (2) AUTHORIZE THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO ACQUIRE THE FULL FEE INTEREST OR THE FULL FEE INTEREST IN A PART THEREOF IN THE THREE TRACTS OF LAND; (3) IF THE LANDS CANNOT BE PURCHASED OR PARTITIONED AUTHORIZE THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO SELL THE UNDIVIDED INTERESTS IN THE THREE TRACTS OF LAND WITH THE PROCEEDS TO BE PLACED IN THE NATION’S TREASURY - Sponsor: Thomas Yahola; Co-Sponsor: James Jennings;

• APPROVED (24-0-0), TR 06-024 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROVING A LEASE TO 81 RIVERSIDE, INC. TO ALLOW 81 RIVERSIDE, INC. TO OPERATE THE FULL MOON CAF... AT THE CREEK NATION CASINO - Sponsor: Ron Cleghorn; Co-Sponsor: Bill Fife;

• APPROVED (24-0-0), TR 06-026 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SUPPORTING THE HICKORY GROUND TRIBAL TOWN’S OPPOSITION TO THE POARCH BAND OF INDIAN CONSTRUCTION OF A CASINO ON THE HISTORIC HICKORY GROUND TRIBAL TOWN SITE LOCATED SOUTH OF WETUMPKA, ALABAMA IN ELMORE COUNTY, ALABAMA Sponsor: Roger Barnett;

• APPROVED (24-0-0), TR 06-027 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHO-

RIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A DETENTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SAC AND FOX NATION FOR JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICES - Sponsor: Paula Willits;

• APPROVED (24-0-0), TR 06-029 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE QUILT GUILD OF EUFAULA, OKLAHOMA USE OF THE GREAT SEAL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION - Sponsor: Anthony Notaro;

• APPROVED (24-0-0), TR 06-031 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION GAMING OPERATIONS AUTHORITY BOARD TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OVER THE HOLDENVILLE INDIAN COMMUNITY CASINO Sponsor: Thomas Yahola;

• APPROVED AS AMENDED (24-0-0), TR 06-032

A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SUPPORTING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MARCELLA GILES AND WYNEMA CAPPS FOR THE NATION’S POSSIBLE LEASE AND/OR PURCHASE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR RESTRICTED PROPERTY - Sponsor: Sam Alexander;

• APPROVED (24-0-0), TR 06-034 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SUPPORTING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MARCELLA GILES AND WYNEMA CAPPS FOR THE NATION’S POSSIBLE LEASE AND/OR PURCHASE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR RESTRICTED PROPERTY - Sponsor: Sam Alexander;

• APPROVED (24-0-0), TR 06-036 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SUPPORTING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MARCELLA GILES AND WYNEMA CAPPS FOR THE NATION’S POSSIBLE LEASE AND/OR PURCHASE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR RESTRICTED PROPERTY - Sponsor: Sam Alexander;

A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO (1) ACCEPT A DEED FOR AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THREE TRACTS OF LAND IN OKMULGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA; (2) AUTHORIZE THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO ACQUIRE THE FULL FEE INTEREST OR THE FULL FEE INTEREST IN A PART THEREOF IN THE THREE TRACTS OF LAND; (3) IF THE LANDS CANNOT BE PURCHASED OR PARTITIONED AUTHORIZE THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO SELL THE UNDIVIDED INTERESTS IN THE THREE TRACTS OF LAND WITH THE PROCEEDS TO BE PLACED IN THE NATION’S TREASURY - Sponsor: Thomas Yahola; Co-Sponsor: James Jennings;

• APPROVED (24-0-0), TR 06-024 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROVING A LEASE TO 81 RIVERSIDE, INC. TO ALLOW 81 RIVERSIDE, INC. TO OPERATE THE FULL MOON CAF... AT THE CREEK NATION CASINO - Sponsor: Ron Cleghorn; Co-Sponsor: Bill Fife;

• APPROVED (24-0-0), TR 06-026 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SUPPORTING THE HICKORY GROUND TRIBAL TOWN’S OPPOSITION TO THE POARCH BAND OF INDIAN CONSTRUCTION OF A CASINO ON THE HISTORIC HICKORY GROUND TRIBAL TOWN SITE LOCATED SOUTH OF WETUMPKA, ALABAMA IN ELMORE COUNTY, ALABAMA Sponsor: Roger Barnett;

• APPROVED (24-0-0), TR 06-027 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHO-

RIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A DETENTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SAC AND FOX NATION FOR JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICES - Sponsor: Paula Willits;

• APPROVED (24-0-0), TR 06-029 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE QUILT GUILD OF EUFAULA, OKLAHOMA USE OF THE GREAT SEAL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION - Sponsor: Anthony Notaro;

• APPROVED (24-0-0), TR 06-031 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION GAMING OPERATIONS AUTHORITY BOARD TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OVER THE HOLDENVILLE INDIAN COMMUNITY CASINO Sponsor: Thomas Yahola;

• APPROVED AS AMENDED (24-0-0), TR 06-032

A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SUPPORTING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MARCELLA GILES AND WYNEMA CAPPS FOR THE NATION’S POSSIBLE LEASE AND/OR PURCHASE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR RESTRICTED PROPERTY - Sponsor: Sam Alexander;

• APPROVED (24-0-0), TR 06-034 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SUPPORTING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MARCELLA GILES AND WYNEMA CAPPS FOR THE NATION’S POSSIBLE LEASE AND/OR PURCHASE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR RESTRICTED PROPERTY - Sponsor: Sam Alexander;

• APPROVED (24-0-0), TR 06-036 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SUPPORTING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MARCELLA GILES AND WYNEMA CAPPS FOR THE NATION’S POSSIBLE LEASE AND/OR PURCHASE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR RESTRICTED PROPERTY - Sponsor: Sam Alexander;

NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION HEALTH SYSTEM FOR THE PURCHASE OF ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS FOR CREEK CITIZENS WHO ARE DIABETIC - Sponsor: Keeper Johnson (\$648,689.40);

• APPROVED AS AMENDED (24-0-0), NCA 06-031 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION REINTEGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VAN Sponsor: Tom

Pickering (\$21,195.00);

• APPROVED AS AMENDED (24-0-0), NCA 06-032 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET MODIFICATION IN EXCESS OF 10% FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC GAMING - Sponsor: Sam Alexander;

• APPROVED (24-0-0), NCA 06-033 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION LIGHTHORSE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - Sponsor: Jeff Fife

From the desk of the Speaker:

Hensci!

The regular session of the Oklahoma Legislature has ended. A special session is being

held in Oklahoma City, some members of the Legislature acknowledged they were not educated about the issue at hand but are willing to learn. The point being, if proposed legislation in this matter went to the legislature for consideration and voted upon by that body of government and passed, it would have been an uneducated decision.

A goal of this National Council is to invite and welcome members of the state legislature

NEWS IN INDIAN COUNTRY:

Methamphetamine in Indian Country

By Rita Williams, National Council Legislative Liason Affairs/Writer

Reprint from portions of the testimony of William Ragsdale, before the Committee on Indian Affairs, United States Senate on the Problem of Methamphetamine use in Indian Country: During the Testimony of William Ragsdale, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) at the Department of the Interior he stated. “ I have the privilege of meeting with tribal leaders from all across the country. Different tribes have a variety of concerns that I hear about on a daily basis, However, one issue that is virtually the same for the vast majority of tribes is that methamphetamine is destroying lives in Indian country. Tribal leaders are using terms like “out of control” and “epidemic” when describing to me their tribe’s experience with meth.” Some leaders are suggesting that on their reservations, a whole generation of young people may soon be lost to this one drug. The social effects of meth use go beyond destroying the body and mind of the user. Addicted parents are neglecting to care for their own children and meth is fueling homicides, aggravated assaults, rape, child abuse, and other violent crimes.”

The BIA does not take drug abuse in Indian Country lightly. As methamphetamine use within Indian country has become more

tremendous amount of pressure from not only constituents but state wide retail organizations on this matter. During the recent Sovereignty Symposium

held in Oklahoma City, some members of the Legislature acknowledged they were not educated about the issue at hand but are willing to learn. The point being, if proposed legislation in this matter went to the legislature for consideration and voted upon by that body of government and passed, it would have been an uneducated decision.

A goal of this National Council is to invite and welcome members of the state legislature

pervasive, The BIA’s Office of Law Enforcement Services (OLES) has taken the initiative to help combat it. For example, one highly publicized investigation originated on the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribes’ Wind River reservation in Wyoming. While I cannot publicly divulge details of that case which are law enforcement sensitive, I will make mention of the case as reported in the public press. According to the Casper Star-Tribune, the case involved a drug cartel that developed a business plan to make methamphetamine to Indian reservations in northern states, to provide free samples to local tribal members, get them addicted, and then create a positive cash flow for the cartel; one of the reservations targeted was Wind River. In response to increased drug activity on the reservation, the BIA OLES Police Department, which serves the Wind River community, developed the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation, and the Fremont County Sheriff’s office. The operation resulted in numerous arrests.

In a more recent case, partially arising from Chickasaw tribal lands in Oklahoma, 108 suspects have been indicted for dealing in methamphetamine in southern Oklahoma and northern Texas. According to the Native American Times, “Operation 700 Ranch Round Up” involved an alleged major methamphetamine trafficking ring. The ring

involved a Chicago based gang.

The investigation resulted in the indictment of 108 defendants and seizures of 49 weapons, \$161,000 cash, and 15 pounds of methamphetamine. The case was jointly investigated by BIA OLES, Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and state/local enforcement agencies

involved a Chicago based gang. The investigation resulted in the indictment of 108 defendants and seizures of 49 weapons, \$161,000 cash, and 15 pounds of methamphetamine. The case was jointly investigated by BIA OLES, Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and state/local enforcement agencies

involved a Chicago based gang. The investigation resulted in the indictment of 108 defendants and seizures of 49 weapons, \$161,000 cash, and 15 pounds of methamphetamine. The case was jointly investigated by BIA OLES, Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and state/local enforcement agencies

MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT YOUR LAND:

By Rita Williams, Legislative Liason Affairs/Writer Muscogee (Creek) National Council

When small-undivided interests in a piece of property are co-owned by many people, management and use of the property becomes more difficult. Income from the property, per owner, is often small in amount. Landowners find it difficult to use and control their own land. There are many problems: many owners in the same parcel; internal family disputes over use of the land; hard to contact co-owners and owning an interest in common does not give you the right to take your share. In order to do this you must partition the land, which requires consent

FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ACTIVITY CENTER - Sponsor: Sam Alexander;

• APPROVED AS AMENDED (19-5-0), NCA 06-037 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 04-208 (A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO THE MOSS PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR A MULTI PURPOSE FACILITY) Sponsor: Thomas Yahola;

• APPROVED (23-0-0),

See **Session**
Continued On Page B6

governments is much more than price gaps or tax percentages, it is about Sovereignty and acknowledging those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for tribal governments to protect it.

By authorization from the National Council to the Principal Chief to negotiate in behalf of the Creek Nation, a proposal was submitted to the Governor’s office for review and consideration. The Chief at his discretion will decide when to present to the Council a proposed compact for action.

The Tribal Summits continues to gain momentum as the next meeting is scheduled for June 26th at the Sac & Fox Nation in Stroud. Alabama-Quasarrte, Caddo Nation, Muscogee Creek Nation and Sac & Fox Nation will serve as co-hosts of the Summit.

Until next time, MVTO!

involved a Chicago based gang.

The investigation resulted in the indictment of 108 defendants and seizures of 49 weapons, \$161,000 cash, and 15 pounds of methamphetamine. The case was jointly investigated by BIA OLES, Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and state/local enforcement agencies

involved a Chicago based gang. The investigation resulted in the indictment of 108 defendants and seizures of 49 weapons, \$161,000 cash, and 15 pounds of methamphetamine. The case was jointly investigated by BIA OLES, Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and state/local enforcement agencies

MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT YOUR LAND:

from all owners; getting a home site requires approval of more than 50% of the ownership; this makes it difficult to use your land for purposes important to you.

All the following areas are impacted; land data - getting all the records that give you a good idea of what you own, the location of what you own, who the other co-owners are, and the value of your land interest; probate and estate planning - who will get your land when you die; leasing - getting the required number of signatures from landowners when you want to lease your land or lease someone else’s land; acquisition - trying to buy additional land interests so

See **Decisions**
Continued On Page B6

Muscogee (Creek) National Council Women’s Caucus



Left to Right: Tulsa District Representative Cherrah Quiett, Okfuskee District Lena Wind, Tulsa District Paula Willits, and Tukvptvce District Representative Shirlene Ade.

Photo By Rita Williams

By Rita Williams, National Council Legislative Liason Affairs/Writer

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council Women’s Caucus is possibly the first formation of native women legislatures. The first meeting was held in

April, with Speaker Tiger, Shirlene Ade, Sylvanna Caldwell, Cherrah Quiett, Paula Willits, and Johnnie Green. Discussion centered on training for council members, high cost of childcare for tribal citizens, cultural awareness and ideas and thoughts for increasing the efficiency of the National Council.

Fry Bread Clan Puppets Available

Lisa Cherino grew up in Haskell and is a Muscogee (Creek) citizen and is of the Bear clan. She received her bachelor's degree and master's degree in social work, and she worked for several years helping Indian people in family therapy and counseling. It was during this time that she noticed a need among the Indian people.

The need was that there were no counseling tools or methods specifically designed for the Indian people. So, taking her own iniative she began to design Indian specific tools and methods. The first method she developed involved painting Indian pictures and designs on hand-held rocks.

Emboldened by her success with such techniques she turned to puppets and dolls that wear traditional Indian clothing, some of which is from the Muscogee tribe while other outfits come from various New Mexico tribes.

Today she writes stories for Indian children and tours to various schools and cultural fairs where she performs with both puppets and her guitar.

Her first line of puppets, the Fry Bread Clan Puppets are available for purchase, and several copies have been picked up by the Muscogee tribe for use in various programs. She also has created Indian dressed Barbie dolls, greeting cards, and art drawings.

If you would like to purchase these dolls, or some of her other products Lisa can be contacted via email at lisahopalong@com-cast.net or you can catch her at her booth at the Creek Nation Festival.



MNBE WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

OKMULGEE – Michael Hughes, Ph.D., PE (Muscogee Creek) is the newest member of the Muscogee Nation Business

Enterprise Board of Directors. Dr. Hughes is the Director of the Center for Local Government Technology at Oklahoma State University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the States of Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Dr. Hughes joins Second Chief and Chairman of the Board Alfred Berryhill and John Freeman on the three member board of Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise. Everyone at MNBE welcomes Dr. Hughes to the Board of Directors.

MNBE BOARD APPROVES RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER MENTOR/PROTÉGÉ AGREEMENT WITH MACTEC

OKMULGEE – MNBE

Board of Directors passed a resolution at the May 23rd board meeting to authorize MNBE management to perform a due diligence assessment and conduct negotiations with MACTEC, INC. (“MACTEC”), in furtherance of a United States Small Business Administration (“SBA”) Mentor-Protégé program agreement.

A Mentor-Protégé agreement with MACTEC would provide assistance to MNBE in the SBA 8(a) Program development of its Government construction business, including without limitation, technical and/or management assistance, financial assistance, subcontracts, bonding, and/or assistance in performing prime contracts with the Government; and such assistance from MACTEC is for the purpose of enhancing the capabilities of MNBE and to improve MNBE's ability to successfully compete for contracts.

MACTEC, Inc. is headquartered in Atlanta, GA with 100 U.S. offices and 3,000 employees. MACTEC provides services to over 7,000 customers worldwide. They have received

numerous awards for their quality of work.

“Establishing a Mentor-Protégé agreement with MACTEC would be a great opportunity for MNBE to learn from one of the top firms in the country, said Michael Nalley, Director of MNBE. They can help us enhance all areas of our operations.”

MNBE SIGNS AWARDED CONTRACT FOR ROADWAY AND BRIDGE REPAIRS FOR CHEROKEE NATION ROAD PROGRAM

OKMULGEE – MNBE Construction Services was recently awarded a contract with Cherokee Nation for Roadway and Bridge Improvements on the Saline Creek Bridge on Bull Hollow Road in Delaware County. The amount of the contract is \$597,000.

MNBE BOARD APPROVES TEAMING AGREEMENT WITH SOLUTION BOXES, INC.

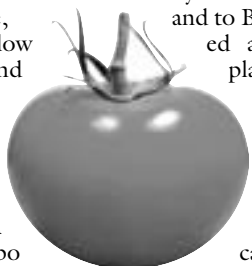
OKMULGEE – MNBE Board of Directors approved a resolution at the May 23rd board meeting for MNBE to sign a Teaming Agreement with Solution Boxes, Inc. located in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Solution Boxes is one of the industry leaders in real-time digital video recording. “Solution Boxes makes a great product and we are looking forward to our business relationship, said Michael Nalley, Director of MNBE. This agreement enhances the business opportunities for our Technology Division, managed by BJ Waggnor and for Solution Boxes.”

Hanna Indian Community Sells Fresh Produce

The Hanna Indian Community is selling fresh vegetables from their garden. They have cabbage, zucchini squash, yellow crooked squash, and tomatoes on sale. Around the first of August they will have the famous Hanna watermelons as well as some banana cantaloupes and jumbo cantaloupes. All the vegetables are watered from the Hanna Indian Community's well.

Community wants to give special thanks to Vestor and Foy Layman for their hard work and to Berdine's who donated a large number of plants to the community center for their garden.

To find out where the produce is available to be purchased please call the Hanna Indian Community Center at 918-657-2641, Susie Harjo at 918-657-2269, or Donna Martin at 918-732-7962.



Muscogee Nation Festival June 15-18th!

CREEK COUNCIL HOUSE MUSEUM

JUNE 17TH, 2006



INDIAN ARTS FESTIVAL

JURIED ART CONTEST: POTTERY, PAINTINGS, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 918.756.2324



PARTIALLY FUNDED BY



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Casino Promotions

THE \$250,000 AMERICAN DREAM

Last year Creek Nation Casino - Tulsa changed one man's life forever, and this year we're here to do it again. Join us for the \$250,000 American Dream when one lucky person will win a brand new home in south Tulsa, a 2006 Hummer H3, and \$10,000 in cash! Register daily, because every Tuesday two winners will be awarded \$200 every hour from 6 pm to 9 pm and at 10 pm one person will win \$400 and a key that could open The American Dream home. On July 25, 14 additional keys will be awarded, and one person's key will open the door to The American Dream! (Register daily for Tuesday key/cash drawings from 6 pm – 10 pm; through July 25)

MEN'S NIGHT – TAKE IT TO THE LAKE

Guys, Creek Nation Casino - Tulsa is making your dreams come true all summer long with our newest Men's Night promotion, “Take it to the Lake”. Swipe your card on Wednesday nights starting at 6 pm for half

hour cash drawings beginning at 7 pm. At 10 pm two guys will take home \$500 and a key that could start a 2006 Sea-Doo GTI on June 28. On August 2 the grand prize is a 2006 Tahoe Sport Boat! (Wednesdays through August 2, 6 pm – 10 pm) Don't forget, we're also giving away five additional certificates on June 28 for another chance at winning the Sea Doo!

LADIES NIGHT – LADIES, IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU

Ladies, how does a \$5,000 shopping spree, a trip to a glamorous spa, and a stay in a luxury hotel sound? Creek Nation Casino - Tulsa is giving away three luxurious trips to Miami, LA, and New York City through July! Just swipe your card at Guest Services each Monday for half-hour cash drawings beginning at 7 pm, and at 10 pm two ladies will win \$500 and a certificate to return for each month's grand prize drawing. (Mondays through July 31, 6 pm – 10 pm) Don't forget, we're also giving away five additional certificates on June 26 for another chance at the awesome LA getaway!

SENIORS WAKE UP AND WIN

Seniors, rise and shine at Creek Nation Casino Mondays and Tuesdays in June. From 7 am to 11 am, the first 500 seniors will receive \$5 match play on any Nova machine and all senior guests will enjoy complimentary coffee and donuts. What better way to start the day than with Creek Nation Casino's Wake Up and Win promotion?

MID SUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Having trouble sleeping? Or are you a night owl? Head down to Creek Nation Casino for our newest late night promotion! Swipe in at Guest Services starting at 11 pm every Sunday through Wednesday for \$150 drawings from 12 am – 3 am and a final drawing at 4 am for \$400! (Sunday – Wednesday Through July 31, 11 pm – 4 am)

FATHER'S DAY

Creek Nation Casino - Tulsa is honoring all fathers on Sunday, June 18. The first 500 fathers who visit Guest Services this Father's Day will receive a free gift!

POKER PROMOTIONS: THE BIG BOUNTY POKER TOURNAMENT

Play in The Big Bounty, our newest No Limit Hold'em Tournament every Thursday and Sunday at 7 pm and receive an extra \$20 for every player you eliminate! Registration begins at 6:30 pm and is open to everyone, with a total buy-in of \$115.

DAILY RIVER SHOWDOWN

Pull up a seat in Oklahoma's most upscale Poker Room for our Daily River Showdown tournaments starting at 9 am. Registration begins at 8:30 am

See **Promotions** Continued On Page 5

Control Continued From Page 1

obstacle course and swimming. And of course, the tribe couldn't let the students get away empty handed so MNBE, working with their business partners Solution Boxes Inc. and Premiere Steel, arranged to give each child in attendance a new 18 speed bicycle. The bikes were presented Thursday by Second Chief Alfred Berryhill, National Council representatives; Roger Barnett, Robert Jones, Cherrah Quiet, Jeff Fife, and Eddie LaGrone; MNBE Representatives Michael Nally and Woody Anderson, and Solution Boxes President Marshall Eudy.



Community Development and Cultural Preservation teach students how to finger weave during camp class.

MCN Diabetes Program is adding a 4th day to their Summer Prevention Camps

OKEMAH- The MCN Diabetes Program has added a 4th day to their diabetes prevention day camps. This fourth day will include a soccer clinic provided by the Oklahoma Soccer Association and an afternoon for the parents and family members to come and learn about preventing diabetes in their family. The four days of camp will



Okemah Diabetes camp participates in golf activities



Participants gather for Diabetes camp group photo in Okmulgee

include games, activities, field trips, good food, education, and the last day is a trip to Big Splash in Tulsa. Call the different clinic diabetes programs to register. The registration for each camp will end ten days before the camp begins. The following is a listing of the different camps and contact numbers:



Eufaula Diabetes camp participants enjoyed bowling as an activity



Big Splash was a big hit for Okmulgee camp participants



Sapulpa participants enjoy skating as a fun activity

Okemah Youth Camp – July 17th ñ 20th Call for registration (800)219-9458 ext. 456; Okmulgee Youth Camp – July 24th - 27th call for registration (918)756-9911 ext. 255; Eufaula Youth Camp – July 31st – Aug. 3rd Call for registration (918)689-2540 ext. 254; Sapulpa Youth Camp – Aug. 7th – 10th call for registration (918)224-9310 ext. 242

Holdenville Creek Community and Chamber of Commerce Health Fair is a big success

By Bob Melton
with the Holdenville Paper

HOLDENVILLE - The Holdenville Creek Community recently invited the Holdenville Chamber of Commerce to join them in promoting the many health related services that are available in Holdenville and the surrounding area.

The May 19 event at the Holdenville Creek Nation Community Center was free to the public, and among the participants were Muscogee (Creek) Nation Community Health Representatives, Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Services, Indian Health Service, Health Care Innovations from Sapulpa, Boyce Manor Nursing Home, Heritage Village Nursing Home and Skills

Unit Natural Health Solutions, Aromatherapy and more, Wes Watkins Technology Center, Mvskokvke P.R.I.D.E. (Preventing and Reducing Indian Diabetes Everyday), Jack Booth and Associates, Independent Insurance Agency, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Behavioral Health & Substance Abuse Services, Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA), Caring Connection Home Nursing Care of Wewoka, Seminole Nation Family Services, Health Back Home Health, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Children and Family Services Administration and Holdenville General Hospital, Vcolvke Emetrvloketv Gathering of Elders offered a wide variety of hand-made jewelry and other crafts.

Creek Nation Community Health Representative DeLois Roulston and Chamber of Commerce Director Jamie Caudill, who worked together organizing the event, and were extremely pleased with the large crowd that attended.

They are looking forward to making this an annual event, and are extremely grateful for everyone who participated.

The unique gathering featured many facets of the health care field, including natural health, mental health, and modern medicine.

The many booths featured demonstrations and were prepared to answer visitors many questions.

Promotions

Continued From Page 4

and is open to everyone, with a total buy-in of just \$30.00.

LADIES TEXAS HOLD’EM TOURNAMENTS

Ladies Night Texas Hold’em tournaments start at 7 pm every Monday. Registration begins at 6:30 pm and is open to all ladies, with a total buy-in of just \$30.00.

MEN’S NIGHT – THE BIG ONE POKER TOURNAMENT

The Big One, Creek Nation Casino’s Men’s Night no-limit Texas Hold’em tournament starts at 7 pm every Wednesday, with registration beginning at 6:30 pm (\$115 total buy-in).

TEXAS HOLD’EM PROGRESSIVE BAD BEAT JACKPOTS

Losing Never Felt So Good! Creek Nation Casino’s new Progressive Bad Beat Jackpots consist of three separate progressive jackpots awarded to hands of aces full of jacks losing to a better hand. The jackpot is currently at \$50,000!

TEXAS HOLD’EM HIGH HANDS

Good hands are hard to come by, and at Creek Nation Casino, Texas Hold’em high hands pay bonuses 24 hours a day, seven days a week with progressive bonuses on four of a kind, straight flush, and royal flush hands increasing \$100 a day.

BLACKJACK PROMOTIONS: FOR THE LOVE OF BLACKJACK

Our famous Envy Bonus that you love so much is back, only this time it’s all about the hearts. Earn a \$10 bonus for every suited blackjack of hearts, and all players at your table receive the \$5 Envy Bonus. Plus you will earn an entry into weekly cash drawings taking place every Sunday at 7 pm for \$150, \$300, and the grand prize of \$750! (qualify 24 hours a day in the blackjack pit)

Harjo completes workshop for certification for breastfeeding education

OKMULGEE - Cassandra Harjo, a staff member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation WIC Program, recently completed a three day workshop on clinical breastfeeding assistance in Ada, Oklahoma. The conference was sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Food and Nutrition Services and Lactation Consultant Services.

In addition to participating in the workshop which addressed the normal course of lactation, she completed an assessment and problem solving practicum, and an examination addressing usual circumstances and common challenges with breastfeeding. She was awarded certification as a breastfeeding educator. Certification is an added credential that recognizes increased clinical competence in the field of breastfeeding assistance.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation currently has eight Certified Breastfeeding Educators Candace Vardell, Misty Rains, Patty Proctor, Amy Sinor, Chasidy Booker, Jimmie Ray Williams, Michelle Hurt and Cassandra Harjo. Today, most mothers breastfeed. Employed mothers, mothers at home, mothers of premature or ill infants, and mothers in a variety of special situations choose breastfeeding because of its numerous benefits.

Scientific investigations have recently identified significant benefits of breastfeeding which include increased intelligence, protection against childhood infections, diabetes, liver disease, certain types of cancers, allergies, immune system disorders, and

sudden infant death syndrome. Mothers who breastfeed have a reduced incidence of breast cancer and osteoporosis.

Mothers often explain that they initiate breastfeeding because of the benefits for their baby, but they continue breastfeeding because they enjoy a special closeness with their breastfed babies.

As breastfeeding becomes more popular, mothers look to health care providers for assistance. Traditional mother-to-daughter teaching and assistance is less available since there is a generation of grandmothers who primarily bottle-fed their babies. Increased geographic mobility among extended families further decreases assistance available to new mothers.

The conference was developed and presented by Debi Leslie Bocar, RN, PhD., Dr. Bocar who is a certified lactation consultant, noted that families who would benefit most from breastfeeding, breastfeed least often. She shared strategies to encourage mothers to breastfeed and assist them in a variety of special family circumstances.

“Practical assistance from knowledgeable health care providers is critical to get breastfeeding off to a good start. Experts must also be available for telephone assistance, home health care, and out-patient consultations to assist mothers overcome common challenges during the first few weeks,” emphasized Dr. Bocar. Certified Breastfeeding Educators are qualified to assist families to meet their breastfeeding goals.

Vocational Rehabilitation services available

OKEMAH-The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program provides services to American Indians with physical or mental disabilities that lead to employment. Usually it takes up to 60 days to determine eligibility. Therefore, it is important for those individuals who are seeking training or higher education to come in

early. If determined eligible, services such as tuition, fees, books, meal and mileage allowance may be provided. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program is not limited to training only. For more information contact the program at (918)623-1197 or 1-888-367-2332.

Emergency Medical Assistance Program

OKMULGEE - The Emergency Medical Assistance (EMA) Program is a Tribal Program that provides assistance to Creek Citizens in obtaining prescribed medications or prescribed medical equipment necessary to sustain health and well being when no other resource is available. This program is designed to assist the Creek Citizens and is not intended to cover the total cost of prescriptions and related expenses.

Eligibility requirements are as follows: Applicants must provide proof of Citizenship by furnishing a copy of their Tribal Enrollment Card. Any minor under the age of one shall have an enrolled parent and be enrollment eligible; Applicant must be on file as a patient or established a patient file with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Health System; Applicant must present the original prescription and a statement from the Tribal or Indian Health Service Health Facility that the prescription or a reasonable alternative prescription is unavailable at those facilities; Applicant is to make an application and have prior approval through the Emergency Medical Assistance Program on prescriptions that are obtained outside the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health System; The applicant must furnish documentation, which verifies all other available resources (Medicaid, Medicare, Private Insurance, etc.) have been exhausted.

Benefit amount is as follows: A grant of \$1,000 per year (365 days YTD) for health maintenance medications and medical equipment. (Oxygen, concentrators, nebulizers, walkers,

hearing aid, etc.); A grant of \$2,500 per year (365 YTD) for life sustaining medications only (cancer, dialysis, heart related, etc.); A grant up to \$4,000 for eligible applicants, (one time only) for prosthesis (artificial limbs).

All requests may be presented to one of the following locations nearest you: Eufaula Health Clinic at 800 Forest Avenue, Eufaula, Ok 74432 or call (918)689-2547; Okemah Health Clinic at 309 North 14th Street, Okemah, Ok 74859 or call (918)623-1424; Okmulgee Health Clinic at 1313 East 20th Street, Okmulgee, Ok 74447 or call (918)758-2717; Sapulpa Health Clinic at 1125 East Cleveland, Sapulpa, Ok 74066 or call (918)224-9310.

The MCN Diabetes Program and the Oklahoma State Health Department partnered for another successful year of the Move It! Program

OKMULGEE-The MCN Move It! Program is a school based prevention program funded by the MCN National Council. The MCN Diabetes Program and the Oklahoma State Health Department partnered for another successful year of the Move It! program in 10 different elementary schools throughout the MCN area. This program started with four schools, 250 students, three years ago and has now grown to 10 schools and 1200 students participating.

The MCN Move It! Program targets K-6th grade students of schools with a high percentage of American Indian students. The Diabetes Program Exercise staff works with the school students, staff, and administration over a three year period in the areas of physical activity (PE, recess, and after school exercise), diabetes prevention education, nutrition, staff wellness, and school health policy.

The program uses incentives to encourage the students and staff to exercise and turn in logs and coupons showing exercise times. Training and equipment is provided each year to the PE teacher for making changes in the school PE program. Sustainability plans are in place during the second and third years of the program. Program evaluation is done through physical fitness testing, BMI, and parent and teacher program questionnaires. Each year 2-4 new schools will be added to the program as



Ryal Move It Program fitness testing.



Hanna Students participating in their Move It! P.E. Day



Ryal Students at their first year award ceremony

schools finish the three year program.

This is the last year for the McIntosh Co. /Hughes Co. schools (Stidham, Dustin, Ryal, and Hanna). These schools have

been in the program for three years and are developing policies that will impact the health of the students and the environment at each school. These “Move It Policies” have been introduced at each school through their School Health Advisory Council. Each school will be given recognition as a “Move It” School’ if the policy criteria are met. Each school will also be given \$1000 per year for

Physical Education equipment and incentives for the exercise for prizes program, if their recognition criteria are met each year for as long as the funding is available. This funding will be available the year after the third year of the Move It! Program has ended. The following is the minimum criteria for the recognition as a “Move It! School”:

Move It Policies:

- Vending Machines - Access and content
- Physical Education times - Minimum of 90 minutes per week
- School Lunches ñ working with the lunch menu
- Guidelines establish for food brought to school by the students
- Diabetes prevention inservice for all school and cafeteria staff
- Quality Physical Education
- Fitness Testing performed two times per year ñ Practiced throughout the year
- Physical Education teacher training each year.

Oklahoma City National Diabetes Conference Welcomes Community Members and Tribal Leaders

OKLAHOMA CITY - The upcoming national conference iReducing Health Disparities in American Indians and Alaska Natives by “Preventing Diabetes throughout the Life Cycle”, targets community participants as well as health care workers. The conference will take place at the Cox Business Services Convention Center in Oklahoma City August 21-24.

The leaders of Muscogee (Creek) Nation made a clear statement of the importance they place on diabetes prevention by approving funding to sponsor the conference at the “White Buffalo” level, the highest level of sponsorship. The National Council approved additional funding for community members and tribal leaders to attend.

The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum for sharing and exchanging information about on-going pre-diabetes and diabetes prevention efforts in American Indians. It will focus on community empowerment and involvement in diabetes prevention throughout the lifecycle (infancy, youth, adult and elder.)

The MCN Diabetes Program staff will present the work being done with Creek youth through the school programs, “Move It and Prevention Diabetes” and

the Jump Rope Program, “Hop to Stop Diabetes”. The role of the MCN tribe in making these programs successful and will be included in the presentations.

If you are interested in

attending this conference please contact Rhonda Crandell at (918)756-3334 ext. 237 or Gloria Moore, (918) 756-3334 ext. 245. Early registration ends June 30.



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

LARRY L. OLIVER
PLAINTIFF,
v.
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
NATIONAL COUNCIL,

DEFENDANT

AMENDED PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, Larry L. Oliver and recuses from this matter since he is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, (“Plaintiff”), and for his cause of action against the Defendant, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Council, alleges and states:

I. PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

1. Plaintiff was duly appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, on the 30th day of August, 1999. His term of office expired on the 30th day of August 2005. The Constitution mandates each Supreme Court Justice shall serve a term of six years.

2. Defendant is the duly elected Muscogee (Creek) National Council (“Defendant or “National Council”), pursuant to Article VI , §2 of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The legislative power and authority of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (“Nation”) is vested in the National Council.

Pursuant to Rules of the Supreme Court, the Office of the Chief Justice is served on a one-year rotating basis. Pursuant to Article VII §2 of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the six-year term of each Supreme Court Justice is to commence on the first day of July. This discrepancy as to Plaintiffs term of office will be addressed later in his Petition.

3. This Court is vested with jurisdiction to decide Constitutional issues, pursuant to Muscogee (Creek) Nation Code Title 17 § 1-101 et seq. and the Nationis common law?

II. FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

4. On the afternoon of April 24, 2006, the Plaintiff, whose private offices are located in Tulsa, was contacted by the Supreme Court Clerk and advised the Business and Governmental Operations Committee requested the Plaintiff meet with them at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribal complex later that afternoon. Plaintiff attended the meeting. The Committee was composed of six members, including the chairman. The Chairman of the Committee called the Plaintiff’s name for consideration for reappointment by the National Council. The Chairman asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were asked of Plaintiff or the Chairman. A vote was taken on Plaintiffs reappointment to the Supreme Court. The vote was 3 to 2 not to approve Plaintiff’s re-nomination. This was done without asking the Plaintiff any questions. The entire process took no more

than five minutes.

5. On April 25, 2006, at approximately 4:20 PM, the Supreme Court Clerk called the Plaintiff and told him that the Speaker of the National Council, George Tiger, requested Plaintiff attend a planning meeting for the National Council, George Tiger, requested Plaintiff attend a planning meeting for the National Council at 6:30 PM. The Plaintiff was not informed of the purpose of the meeting.

Litsey v. Cox, Okla. Trib. 307, No. SC-91-06 (Original) (Muscogee (Creek) 1991) (holding that Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court has original jurisdiction to consider a challenge to the qualifications of a candidate for National Council after the Election Board denied relief); See also In re District Judge, 2 Okla. Trib. 54 (Muscogee (Creek) 1990) (holding that the Constitution vests the Supreme Court with power to assume original jurisdiction in a case where constitutionality and meaning of National Council ordinance is involved, and where tribal Principal Chief maintains that Tribe lacks a seated district court judge); A.D. Ellis v. Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council, SC 05-03/SC05-05__Okla. Trib.__(Sup. Ct. 2006) (holding the MCN Supreme Court had original jurisdiction to hear a dispute between the Principal Chief and the National Council).

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedures of the National Council, four standing committees were created – one of which is the Business and Governmental Operations Committee. Rules of Procedures of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council adopted Pursuant to NCR 03-002, P. 25

6. The Plaintiff arrived a few minutes early only to find that he was not on the planning meeting agenda. He prepared to leave when Anthony Notaro, a member of the National Council, came out of the Planning Meeting and asked Plaintiff to return to the Planning Meeting. The Speaker called for the meeting to be held in Executive Session. Some, but not all, members of the National Council attended this Planning Meeting.

7. The Plaintiff returned to the room where the Planning Meeting Executive Session was being conducted. All but four members of the National Council were present. The Speaker asked the Plaintiff to tell them something about himself. Plaintiff began to explain to those present something of his background. The Speaker cut the Plaintiff short and asked the Council if any of those members present had any questions.

8. Roger Barnett, a National Council member, asked if, during the trial of the case between Chief Ellis and the National Council (A. D. Ellis v. Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council case No. SC-05-03) (“Ellis v. National Council”), the Plaintiff made the statement: “That the Council had done an injustice to the Tribe”, or words to that effect. The Plaintiff vehemently denied making any such statement during that trial. This accusation by Barnett was patently untrue.

9. Sam Alexander, another National Council member, who had filed a lawsuit two or three years previously and in which the

Supreme Court had written an unfavorable Opinion against Alexander, asked if the Plaintiff had participated in that decision and if not, why. The Plaintiff answered by saying that a mutual friend had approached Plaintiff and tried to influence his decision. For this reason Plaintiff recused himself and chose not participate in the trial or the decision of that case.

10. National Council member Notaro, who had remained by the door, stated he also heard the Plaintiff say, “That the Council had done an injustice to the Tribe.” The Plaintiff, again, vehemently denied making the statement or any similar statement. This allegation by Notaro was an intentional attempt to question the objectivity and integrity of Plaintiff. Notarois allegation was patently untrue.

11. There was an oral exchange between Councilman Notaro and Plaintiff asked Mr. Notaro if the Council was not able to get along with the Chief and vice versa, would this impose a stand still in the tribal government. “If that happened”, the Plaintiff asked Councilman Notaro, “Wouldn’t that create an injustice?”

12. Mr. Notaro then argumentatively asked the Plaintiff why the Supreme Court ordered the Ellis v. National Council case to be arbitrated and why the Supreme Court had not accepted the settlement reached between the parties in that case. Plaintiff explained that the Opinion was not his Opinion, but that of a unanimous Court of all the Supreme Court Justices and that each member of the Supreme Court had an equal say.

13. Further, Plaintiff stated that the full Court thought the proposed settlement of the parties did not go far enough. The full court thought there should be an express distinction of the separation of powers within the tribal government.

14. There were no more questions of the Plaintiff. Speaker Tiger said he would let Plaintiff know what their decision was before Saturday, which was when the Regular Quarterly General Council Meeting was to be held. This questioning of Plaintiff lasted no more than ten to fifteen minutes at most.

15. On the morning of April 26, 2006, the Speaker advised the Supreme Court Clerk that the Planning Committee members present at the Planning Meeting occurring the preceding evening agreed to adopt the vote of the Business and Governmental Operations Committee of April 24, 2006. The Speaker said it would not be necessary for the Plaintiff to appear on Saturday, April 29, 2006, at the Regular Quarterly General Council Meeting. Therefore, the Plaintiff did not attend the General Council Meeting held on April 29, 2006.

16. On May 4, 2006, the Plaintiff called the Speaker to let him know he would like to talk to him about the situation but would like the Speaker to read a copy of the trial transcript in Ellis v. National Council. The Speaker said he appreciated that and would call the Plaintiff after he had read the transcript. The Plaintiff has yet to receive a call from the Speaker.

17. The Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation requires the National Council to approve or disapprove nominees to be considered for the Supreme Court. Article VII §§ 1 and 2 of the Constitution of the

Muscogee (Creek) Nation provides for a third or judicial branch of government of the Nation:

“Section 1. The judicial power of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be vested in one Supreme Court limited to matters of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation’s jurisdiction and in such inferior courts as the National Council may from time to time ordain.

Section 2. The Supreme Court shall be composed of six (6) members appointed by the Principal Chief, subject to majority approval by the (6) years beginning July 1 (emphasis added).”

18. Although the Nationis Constitution requires the National Council to approve all members of the Supreme Court, it does not define the procedure to be used by the National Council in nominating or re-nominating a Supreme Court Justice to the bench of the Supreme Court.

19. Muscogee (Creek) Nation Code Title 26 §3-202, provides in relevant part, “In the event a nomination is not approved within sixty days by the National Council, the nomination shall be deemed to be rejected – (emphasis added).” Further, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Code Title 26 §3-201, requires the Principal Chief to submit a nomination to the National Council for its consideration. In the event the National Council.

20. Last year, the Attorney General opined that a constitutional requirement mandating the approval or disapproval by the National Council required action of the entire National Council in deciding whether to approve or disapprove the appointment of a position by the Principal Chief. AG Opinion March 16, 2005 (attached hereto as Exhibit A) In this opinion, the Attorney General concluded:

“Article VI, §2 of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation defines “National council” as “one (1) House with one (1) Representative from each district and one (1) additional representative for each 1,500 citizens.” Currently, the National Council consists of 26 members. In accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, “National Council” means the entire body of all 26 Representatives. The term “National Council” is generic. It refers to an entire group or class. To find otherwise would, in effect, give the term “National Council” a narrower and more restricted meaning than that given to it in the Constitution (emphasis added).”

AG Opinion March 16, 2005 The Attorney General held that the Constitution trumps the Rules and Procedures of the National Council. He concluded that such Rules and Procedures of the National Council “...such recommendations would merely be advisory and not binding upon the National Council as a whole (emphasis added).” Id. Thus, the actions by the National Council at its meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2006, are invalid whereby it refused to act as the entire body of the National Council ultimately failing to reappoint the Plaintiff to the Supreme Court.

Provided the submittal of Plaintiffs name by the Principal Chief to the National Council was timely and within ninety (90) days of the end of the Plaintiffs term of office. See Plaintiffs Third Cause of Action.

21. According to the AGis Opinion, the lawful responsibility to accept or reject a nomination lies solely with the National Council as a whole. If the National Council desires to inquire of the nominee, or to pursue any qualifications of the nominee, or Plaintiff in this instance, and to determine or establish compliance with or alleged violations of the Code of Conduct and Canons of Judicial Ethics for Muscogee (Creek) Nation Judges and Employees as provided in Muscogee (Creek) Nation Code Title 26§ 4-101 es seq, the Attorney General has concluded that this activity must be performed by the National Council as a whole, in public, and not as a committee making recommendations to the full Council. Plaintiff was present when a vote was taken by the Business and Governmental Operations Committee, and by a three to two vote, denied Plaintiffs reappointment to the bench of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court. Plaintiff was told it was unnecessary for him to attend the regular Quarterly Meeting of the National Council, held on April 29, 2006.

22. Plaintiff has been

informed by members of the Supreme Court Clerks staff that on Saturday, April 29, 2006, the full National Council did not conduct any hearing, or hearings, or inquire about the past services of Plaintiff for the previous six years. Plaintiff was told, and verily believes, the National Council by its actions at its Planning Meeting on April 25, 2006, adopting the three to two vote not to approve Plaintiffs re-appointment of the Business and Government Operations Committee voted on April 24, 2006. On the following day, April 25, 2006, at the Planning Meeting Executive Session (or secret meeting) for the National Council Quarterly Meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2006, Plaintiff started to explain his background and qualifications for the position on the Supreme Court, as requested by the Speaker, he was cut short by the Speaker. Plaintiff and was asked only three questions by National Council members, Barnett, Alexander and Nataro. The full National Council took no action of their own in considering any information as to the reappointment of the Plaintiff but simply “rubberstamped” the three to two vote of the Business and Government Operation Committee. Plaintiff reminds this Court that on April 24, 2006, he was asked no questions about his experience, his past service as a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court or any questions involving the Code of Conduct and Canons of Judicial Ethics for Muscogee (Creek) Nation Judges and Employees. Plaintiff has a long and distinguished career as a successful trial attorney of some forty-two years. (see Exhibit B) The hearing before the Business and Governmental Operations Committee took less than five minutes from start to finish. At no time were Plaintiff’s credentials and experience ever considered by the full National Council.

23. The Plaintiff prays the Court to declare the action by the National Council on April 25, 2006, adopting the vote of the Business and Governmental Operations Committee occurring on April 24, 2006, is a violation of the Constitution and, therefore, void. Alternatively, Plaintiff asks the Court to issue a writ of prohibition preventing the National Council from relying upon its vote of April 25, 2006, declining to reappoint Plaintiff to the Supreme Court for a second term and for such further relief the Court deems equitable and just.

II. SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

24. The Plaintiff readopts and re-alleges his allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 23 hereof, and further states:

25. Muscogee (Creek) Nation Code Title 26, §5-201, requires that all Supreme Court Justices shall be compensated at the rate of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month.

6 – Attached as Exhibit B is Plaintiffs Curriculum Vitae and personal recommendations from attorneys and judges from around the state.

7 – The Chief Justice shall be compensated at the rate of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) per month during his or her term, plus out-of-state travel. Muscogee Creek Nation Code Title 26 §5-201(A)

26. Plaintiff, as a potential compensated employee of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, stands to lose his statutory compensation as a member of the Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as a result of the unlawful actions of the Defendant, National Council, in that they violated his rights expressly provided in the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation at Article VII §2.

27. The actions of the Defendant in failing to comply with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as to the retention or non-retention of the Plaintiff as a Supreme Court Justice violates his right to due process and equal protection guaranteed him under the Indian Civil Rights Act, 25 USC, §1301, et seq.; and at Muscogee (Creek) Nation Code Title 27 §1-103(A)&(B).

28. The Plaintiff prays the Court declare the action of the National Council adopting the vote of the Business and Governmental Operations Committee occurring on April 24, 2006, as a violation of the Constitution and, therefore, void. Alternatively, Plaintiff asks the Court to issue a writ of prohibition preventing the National Council from representing or claiming its vote of April 25, 2006, valid and for such further relief the Court

deems equitable and just.

III. PLAINTIFFS MOTION AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

As set forth above, Plaintiff submits that the National Council has wholly ignored their Constitutional mandate to fully and thoroughly consider Principal Chief Ellisi re-nomination of Plaintiff to the Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. To further complicate matters, Plaintiff was appointed by Principal Chief Beaver on August 30, 1999. The Constitution expressly provides that Plaintiffs term shall exist for a period of six years or though August 29, 2005. The Constitution further provides a conflicting provision which states a Supreme Court appointee shall commence his term on July 1. Notwithstanding the ambiguity and confusion set forth above, Plaintiff submits that, at a minimum, The National Council must comply with their Constitutional mandate and directive for it, and not a committee, to thoroughly and adequately address his reappointment. The issues are further complicated since we have no definitive answer as to the exact term of office of the Plaintiff. Thus, it is in the Tribeis best interest, as well as that of Plaintiff, that the Court enjoin any actions of the Defendant seeking to assert that Plaintiff is no longer a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court.

This Court has not hesitated to enter temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions in appropriate situations. See, Muscogee (Creek) Nation v. Indian Country U.S.A. Inc., 1 Okla. Trib 267, 1989 WL 547439 (Muscogee (Cr.) D.Ct. 1989). The need for such injunctive relief is clearly appropriate in cases in which there is threatened improper interference with the proper functioning of tribal government or tribal agencies. For example, in Cox v. Moore, 1 Okla. Trib. 263, 1989 WL 547438 (Muscogee (Creek) 1989), the Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation affirmed a temporary restraining order granted by the trial Judge. In Cox, the Principal Chief was attempting to remove a previously appointed and approved member of the Hospital and Clinics Board.

The National Council, in failing to comply with the mandate of the Constitution, acts without lawful authority. Further, Plaintiff submits that the Constitution gives nominees to the highest court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation a right to have their nominations considered fully by the entire National Council. The Court should so find. An Injunction, including a Temporary Restraining Order, Preliminary Injunction and Permanent Injunction, should issue requiring the National Council to consider Plaintiffs nomination in accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

A plaintiff seeking a preliminary injunction and a temporary restraining order must show that:

(1) the movant will suffer irreparable harm unless; (2) there is a substantial likelihood the movant ultimately will prevail on the merits; (3) the threatened injury to the movant outweighs any harm the proposed injunction may cause the opposing party; and (4) the injunction would not be contrary to the public interest.”

American Civil Liberties Union v. Johnson, 194 F.3d 1149, (10th Cir. 1999). All of the elements set forth above are satisfied in this case.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff Larry L. Oliver, demands the following relief:

A. A declaratory judgment as described above;

B. A temporary restraining order, a preliminary and permanent injunction as described above;

C. In the alternative, a writ of prohibition;

D. All other relief as may be just and proper

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ John G. Ghostbear
OBA#3335-MCNBA #204
10159 E. 11th, Ste. 115
Tulsa, OK 74128
918/747-6351
FAX: 918/744-6654
ghostlaw@ghostlaw.net
Attorney for Plaintiff



SPIN CITY LAUNDRY

WASH 75 ¢
DRY 25 ¢

IT'S COOL AT SPIN CITY

COOL A/C, CLEAN, ATTENDENT ON
DUTY ALWAYS

1106 WEST MAIN
HENRYETTA, OK 74437
(918) 650-9274

HOURS:
7:00 A.M. - LAST WASH 9:00 P.M.
(7 DAYS WEEK)

ALTERNATIVE HOUSING PROGRAM HELPING THOSE WITH THE GREATEST NEED

Our Elderly Creek Citizens, some of which are living in sub-standard conditions, are now benefiting from the Alternative Housing Program. The Alternative Housing program was created to improve on a problem affecting our elderly citizens who have the greatest need for decent, safe and sanitary housing.

In the past, many of our elderly citizens applied and were approved to have home repairs made through the Rehabilitation of Privately Owned Homes Program. Repairs usually included a new roof, plumbing, winterization, and in some instances making the house handicap accessible. After an inspection of their homes, many elderly citizens were notified that due to the poor condition of the home, repairs would not be feasible. Previously Housing's only options to the homeowners were to apply for the Lease with Option to Purchase Program (Homeownership) or the Rental Program. Making payments on a home or renting is not an option for most people who are on fixed incomes, especially for those who have not made payments or rented in several years. In almost all cases, our elderly citizens do not want to leave their home place.

For this reason the Alternative Housing Program was created. The program offers Elderly Creek Citizens over the age of 62 and who have qualified for the Rehabilitation of Privately Owned Homes Program a replacement home as a grant which means the cost of the house does not have to be repaid. The recipient will receive an alternate home in place of the home that was deemed unfeasible for repair.

David Proctor, manager of the Housing Division Construction Services, under which the Alternative Housing Program is implemented, said he feels very gratified by the program when he sees our Creek Elderly finally provided adequate housing. "Because of the full-blood preference requirement most of the recipients thus far are elderly full-bloods who desperately need better housing", said Proctor. Often the person just wants a new roof or maybe some storm windows even though the entire structure is in poor condition. When they get a completely new house in a relatively short time with no pay-

ments they are beyond thankful. "These are the citizens we urgently need to help", said Chief A.D. Ellis. "They are elderly, on fixed income, often



Delilah Charles is presented with the keys to her new home by David Proctor, manager of the Housing Division Construction Services. The new home is a result of the MCN Housing Division Alternative Housing Program. Looking on are McIntosh District Council members, Tom Pickering (left) and Anthony Notaro

handicapped, and still they don't ask for much. If the tribe can make their lives a little better that's what we should be about."



Pictured is one of the modular homes provided by the Alternative Housing Program. The homes are part of the program designed to help elderly Creek Citizens whose homes cannot be repaired through the Rehabilitation of Privately Owned Homes Program.

RENTAL SITE RESIDENTS FEELING SAFER WITH NEW SECURITY SYSTEM

The security at all the Housing Division Rental Housing sites has long been a problem. To remedy this problem the Rental site in Okmulgee was recently equipped with a new high tech security monitor-

ing system. The system consists of four surveillance cameras, each mounted on a 30 foot utility pole and enclosed inside an all weather case. Continuously in operation around the clock, the cameras monitor virtually any

area of the rental site.

The Housing Division Safety Officer, who is overseeing the installation of the security system, said that this system is basically the same as the ones used in the casinos. These cameras have the capability to pan, tilt, or zoom in close. The best thing about these cameras is that surveillance can be transmitted to the Lighthorse Headquarters.

See **Security**
Continued On Page 8



Housing Division Safety officer keeps an eye on the Rental Housing site in Okmulgee on a monitor located at an remote site located in the Housing Building.

Long time housing employee retires

Okmulgee – On Friday, May 19, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Housing Authority said good-bye to a long time employee, Jona Rade. Jona was employed with the Housing Authority for almost 17 years. "She has been a great employee," said Allan Kelley, Housing Authority employee. "She is very honest, hard work-



Jona Rade

See **Retires**
Continued On Page 8

COMMUNITY SHIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM



Offering protection for Creek Citizens against property damage caused by fire, storm, or other natural disasters.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Housing Division/Authority is now offering property coverage for Creek Citizens who are renting or own their own homes.

The program offers coverage for both homeowners and renters. Coverages includes home protection for homeowners, personal property, personal liability, and emergency living expenses.

To be eligible for the program applicants must be enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Citizens, reside within the state of Oklahoma and use the dwelling to be covered as their principle place of residence.

The Housing Division and Amerind Risk Management retain the right to inspect the covered property, and require loss prevention efforts on part of the participants and does not assume responsibility for maintenance of the covered property.

The participant will be solely responsible for filing all claims directly to Amerind with claim payments based on replacement cost up to the coverage limits.

For more information about the program contact
Lenora McPerryman
Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Housing
(918) 756-8504 or 800-259-5050 Ext. 4117

Helping our Tribal Citizens Realize the Dream of Homeownership

Providing help through the Mortgage Assistance Program

Many Native American families find it difficult becoming a homeowner due to the high out of pocket cost of obtaining a mortgage loan.

The Mortgage Assistance Program is designed to help our Tribal Citizens realize their dream of becoming a homeowner by providing financial assistance needed to acquire a mortgage loan to eligible applicants.

For More Information Contact:

MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
P.O. Box 297
Okmulgee, Ok 74447
1-800-259-5050
918-759-4137

The Mortgage Assistance Program is a program of the
MUSCOGEE(CREEK)NATION DIVISION OF HOUSING

To be eligible for the program, clients must meet the following requirements established by The Mortgage Assistance Program and by the Native American Housing Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA).

- Be a first time home buyer.
- Live within the state of Oklahoma.
- Not be an existing or former Mutual Help Participant of NAHASDA Homebuyer/Lease with option to Purchase regardless of a Housing Service Area.
- Have an annual family income which does not exceed 80% of the national Median income published by HUD.
- Be 18 years or older.
- Provide all requested information, Citizenship card for preference purposes, Social Security cards, and employment verification for each working family member on the required forms.
- Sign all required forms including the consent for disclosure of information.
- Be able to meet all credit check and financial obligations for loan assistance from an approved and certified financial lender.
- Preference given to Creek Citizens.

Eligible clients may qualify for up to \$25,000.

Behind the Scenes at the Pageant

By: Virginia Thomas, 2006 Pageant Chair

Sitting in the audience you would never know all that was going on behind the scenes at the Pageant. People were busy working the curtains, helping in the backstage area, sweating up in the light booth, preparing food for the contestants outside in the heat, greeting people at the doors, passing out the programs, helping in the dressing rooms, setting up cameras in room “A” for portraits of the girls and organizing the business of judging and tallying the scores. You also didn’t see the time and planning for: screening contestants, holding an orientation / practice date, the testing of all contestants, making out the agenda, designing the program, preparing the budget, preparing the judges packets, designing score sheets, ordering meals for the contestants, setting up planning sessions, and a hundred more areas to long to list.

What you did see was a group beautiful young woman of all ages and a group of regal female elders all who took the stage with poise and grace and who won the hearts of all to witness the event.

The 2006 Pageant Committee has been working on this year’s pageant for over ten months meeting on a monthly base and for the last month on a weekly base. This group of Creek Nation employees and former employees volunteered their time and talents in making the Creek Nation Scholarship Pageant the highlight of the festival. As the Chair of this years Committee, I have been honored to have worked with this group of people who have a motto “For the Pride on Our Nation” and believe in making our Nation’s Scholarship Pageant one that sets a standards for others to obtain.

We have set high standards for the contestants as well. All

contestants were required to take a test and understand what it means to represent their tribe as Royalty. When it came time for Wilbur Gouge to ask the Little Miss contestants their “on stage questions”, you could hear the audience snap their lips in disbelief when he knelt down on one knee to ask the first Little Miss and the smallest of them all, “What is the term of office for the Principal Chief?” She spoke with full convince, “He serves a four year term.” The audience as well as Wilbur beamed in pride which only got greater in intensity with each and every child as they correctly answered questions such as; “How many National Council Representatives are there?, How many counties are within the Creek Nation boundaries?, What is the name of the Second Chief?, Where is the Creek Nation Capital located?, How do you say ‘How are you in Creek’ and What does the “I” “T” stand for in the seal of the Muscogee Nation?

Moments like those made the time and efforts of all the volunteers well worth it. Their motto “For the Pride on Our Nation” was their goal and they had reached it. I would like to also thank Chief Ellis for his support as well as the Program Directors and Managers who allowed their staff to volunteer their time during the pageant.

Anderson, Creek Council House Food/Reception
Jeri Brandon, JOM Judging criteria / testing material
Carla Brown, Communications Program/Photography
Anthony Byrd, Facilities Staging
Alice Coe, Behavioral Health Miss coordinator
Odette Freeman, Office of

American Indian Leadership

Pete G. Coser, Ed. D.

While at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK, I taught an undergraduate level Leadership Skills class based on the text Leadership in Organization by Gary A. Yukl (1981) with the contents of the class defined in terms of individual traits, behavior, influence over other people, interaction patterns, role relationships, administrative strategies, and perceptions of others regarding legitimacy of influence. Similarly, management principles were also examined that focused on planning, organization, staffing, leading and controlling. Consequently, it was established that the com-

bined fields of management and leadership were significant to the productivity and cohesiveness of employers and employees in the workforce. Moreover, the consensus of the many leadership articles and texts examined during those many classes and during those many years was that there were too numerous and too varied definitions of leadership with no conclusive definition of leadership. Nonetheless, this article specifically focuses on American Indian leadership, indicating that leadership is unique when American Indian culture is the foundation in the development

See **Leadership**
Continued On Page B6



Chief crowns the 2006 Jr. Miss Muscogee.

Second Chief Jr. Miss Coordinator
Wilbur Gouge, NAHASDA Orientation
Wade Hall, Creek Council House Food/Reception
Deana Heard, Creek Council House Food/Reception
Ted Isham, Creek Council House Food/Reception
Koko Lowe, Language Revitalization Applications / Screening
Jerri On-The-Hill, Higher Education Lead Tabulator
Floyd Osbourn, Facilities Staging
Marcus Proctor, Tobacco Prevention Stage Coordinator
Cindy Russell, Employment & Training Flowers / Staging
Cynthia Tainpeah, Tobacco Prevention Little Miss Coordinator
Pearl Thomas, Community Member Senior Miss

Coordinator
Mary Volturn, Creek Council House Food/Reception
Joyce Williams, Creek Council House Food/Reception
Communications Department, Video, Photography & PowerPoint

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped this year and gave up their lunch hours and working after hours to prepare for this event. Special thanks to Miss Jeri from JOM, Marcus Proctor from Tobacco Prevention and Anthony Byrd, Floyd Osborn and Sam Osborn from Facilities from all of the Pageant subcommittees. We could not have honestly pulled the Pageant off without you. To the staff from communications, you made us all look good. You guys are the best.

MCN JOM Program announces Scholarship winners

Sixteen high school seniors have been awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation JOM Program. These scholarships are awarded each spring for graduating seniors, who excel scholastically, are involved in their community, and are accepted into a college for the fall term. In addition, out of these sixteen scholarship awardees, Muscogee (Creek) Nation awards a \$300 scholarship to one male Creek student and one female Creek student.

This years winners and their school includes: Please see attachment.
Matthew L. Agree, Henryetta and Rachael Arrington, Union Schools received the Creek Nation \$300 scholarship award.

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION 2006 Scholarship Winners

1. Matthew L Agree
Henryetta
Creek
2. Krista L Anderson
Okemah
Creek
3. Rachael Arrington
Union

Creek	Cherokee
4. Desiree A. Booker Okmulgee Comanche	6. Cherie Cassaday Sapulpa Creek
5. Jamie Burcham Tulsa	7. Mindy Chancey

Retires

Continued From Page 7

ing, and caring.”
Jona plans on spending her retirement with family and friends. “Since my husband and I are now retired, we plan on spending more time traveling and being with our grandchil-

dren,” said Rade.
Jona and her husband Don have two daughters, Tami and Tanya. Tami currently is employed with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Federal Roads program.

Security

Continued From Page 7

Meaning someone in a completely different location can monitor activity at the sites and if needed notify local authorities of any illegal activity. These cameras record at 20 frames per second and are watermarked and dated, making the recordings admissible in court. The system doesn’t come cheap but by deterring vandalism and break-ins this system should be cost effective

The new system has already proven itself reliable after being in operation only a few months. Site managers, Tammy Burwell and Linda Lowe, have already seen the effects of the system. Most of the recurring problems at the sites are minor in nature, such as; broken windows and doors, graffiti, disturbances, but

they have seen this activity drop to almost zero where the cameras were installed. Just knowing the security system is in operation makes us and our residents feel safer. So far the feedback has been all positive. It also gives us a means of documenting problems when they occur. We wish we would have had this system a long time ago.

The fact that the new security system will make the residents feel more secure knowing their homes are being monitored 24/7 is immeasurable and will without a doubt cut down on any type of illegal activity at the sites. The Okmulgee site is the first to receive the Security system but plans are to have this type of security at all the Rental sites.

COLLEGE OF MUSCOGEE NATION FIRST GRADUATE

submitted by Sharon Mouss

OKMULGEE – On May 15, 2006, Jeff S. Fife, Beggs, became the very first graduate of the College of the Muscogee Nation programs. The college is located in Okmulgee and partners with the OSU system. Fife received an Associate in Applied Science degree in Police Science conferred at Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City at the 2006 Commencement ceremony at the Cox Convention Center.

As he walked across the stage, the announcer recognized Fife as the first graduate of the College of the Muscogee Nation (CMN). His red CMN stole, bestowed by President Myra Alexander-Starr and the Board of Regents, distinguished him from other graduates. Dr. David J. Schmidly, System CEO and President of OSU, and Dr. Jerry D. Carroll, President, OSU-Oklahoma City, offered congratulations and encouraging remarks as Fife received his diploma.

Fife, who is serving his first term as National Council Representative (Okmulgee District), received the graduation stole in a special presentation at the Pre-agenda Meeting of the April 29 Muscogee (Creek) National Council Meeting at the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

The red satin stole, designed by Jimmie C. Fife Stewart, Creek artist, displays eight adjoining diamonds representing the eight districts in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation boundaries as well as an ancient sun circle to symbolize “the light of education for the sustenance of our tribe,” according to Dr. Alexander-Starr, the first president of the college.

“Today is an exciting day for our Nation and the futures of our youth. While this is a great personal honor, I see the future leaders of our Nation as gradu-

ates of the College of the Muscogee Nation”. The College of the Muscogee Nation is the most valuable investment that our Nation has made in many years for the rewards and benefits are infinite,” remarked Fife upon receiving the stole.

Dr. Alexander-Starr, who attended the graduation ceremony commented, “This is a tremendous milestone for our college and certainly one we want to commemorate.”

In reference to the Police Science program, Dr. Alexander-Starr added, “As a part of their academic work in this degree, the Muscogee Nation tribal police, the Lighthorse officers in which Jeff served 13 years are receiving required specific study in Native American History, Native American Tribal Government, Native American Language, Federal Indian Law, Crisis Intervention, Tribal Court Systems, and Mvskoke Language Studies. All of these courses are taught through a special arrangement between the College of the Muscogee Nation in Okmulgee and OSU-Oklahoma City.”

Jeff Fife will continue his education this fall pursuing a Bachelorís degree in Police Science at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. To add to his list of accomplishments, he will graduate on Thursday, July 13, from Green Country Technology Center with a Certificate of Completion from the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education in Boot and Saddle.

As a National Council representative, Fife serves on the Tribal Affairs and the Fact Finding committees.

Jeff and his wife Thomasine have two sons, J. Scot and Aaron. He is the son of Bill and Mary Fife of Dustin. Bill Fife also serves on the National Council representing the Okfuskee District and served as Principal Chief from 1990-94.

MCN JOM Program Youth Leadership Conference

Henryetta Creek	8. Heather D. Holmes Coweta Creek	9. Jennifer Johnson Wagoner Cherokee	10. James R Livingston Broken Arr Cherokee
11. Ellyott E Lucas Holdenville Choctaw	12. Christopher C Pack Wagoner Cherokee	13. Christopher M Rankin Porter C.B. Pott	14. Jon M Robertson Preston Cherokee
15. Darren A Rock Morris Creek	16. Kyle D Smith Porter Cherokee		

HUD - 184 Native American Mortgage Program*
Need Cash Refinance*
Other Programs also available - 100% financing/no money down*
GOOD CREDIT, BAD CREDIT OR BANKRUPTCY WE CAN HELP
Special Native American Financing Department
Bilingual. Call today to qualify. Ask for a 184 Loan Officer.. *W.A.C..



HOMESTEAD

Mortgage Services, Inc.

"Tahlequah's oldest and most experienced lender"

171 W. Fourth Street - Tahlequah, OK 74464

Office: (918)456-5599
Cell: (918)348-1074
Toll Free:(800)259-2455

Enjoy The
2006 Muscogee (Creek)
Nation Festival!
See Section C For Schedules
and Detailed Information

Process Service



Thomas C. Yarholar INVESTIGATIONS

Civil & Criminal Surveillance
Executive Security

Process Service
Workers Comp
Background Check

Security

Professional

Certified by State of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 445 • OKEMAH, OK • 74859
(918) 623-0548

Confidential

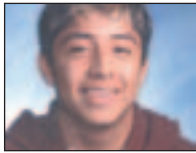
Reach Housing Reporter Mallory Bible at: E-mail: mbible@muscogeenation-nsn.gov, Phone: 918-732-7639



Creek Musician
Jamie Coon



A salute to
Muscogee
Graduates



Local Creek
headed for
Indigenous
Games



Front row (left to right): Millie Colbert, Mary Frye, Minnie Proctor, Sylvia Baker and Norma Marshall. Back row (left to right): Anthony Ciocco, Mitch Jack, Cedric Sunray, Joseph Erb and Ashe Deere.

Preserving the language

By Gerald Wofford

The language of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is being well preserved. Programs like Johnson O'Malley attracts hundreds of school age children each year to learn the language through the challenge bowl contest. Public school institutions are also encouraging language preservation where just over 60 years ago learning of the language was discouraged. The Mvskoke Language Department of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is a big part of

the overall effort as well. On June 5, 6 and 7 a curriculum and teacher training took place in the conference room at the Human Development Building on the grounds of the Creek Nation Capitol in Okmulgee. The training focused on new and creative ways to teach youth about the language. Joseph Erb, was a part of the training. Erb created the claymation videos for Ryal Schools, Hanna Schools, Morris Schools and Dustin Schools. The most unique aspect of the claymation videos is that the script are in the Mvskoke lan-

guage. The Mvskoke Language Program Staff includes the following: Norma Marshall, Manager; Millie Colbert, Curriculum Coordinator; Mona (KoKo) Lowe, Program Secretary; Sylvia Fay Baker, Mvskoke Language Instructor; Ahse Deere, Mvskoke Language Instructor; Mary Frye, Mvskoke Language Instructor; Mitch Jack, Mvskoke Language Instructor; and Minnie Proctor, Mvskoke Language Instructor.

Cultural Activities

Kialegee Day
WETUMKA - Kialegee Tribal Town will be celebrating Kialegee Nettv (Kialegee Day) Celebration 2006 on June 22, 23 and 24.
A youth night will be held on June 22. The activities will begin at 7 p.m. with motivational speakers Michael Thompson, 2000 OU National Champion Cornerback and Mary D. Givens, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Lighthouse Explorer.
On June 23, a wild pole throw (stickball), traditional dinner and gospel singing will be held. Friday's activities will begin at 5:30 p.m.
On Saturday, the activities will begin at 8 a.m. The activities include: 2K Fun Run & Walk; Children Fishing Derby (begins at 6 a.m.); Mushball game; Co-Ed Softball Tournament; Horseshoe Tournament; Turtle Races; Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament; Finger Printing Booth; Cultural Events; Food Bingo; Food Vendors and Lawnmower and other prize drawings. Mekko Bucktrot will present "The State of the Kialegee Nation" at noon.
For more information or particular times, contact Marsey B. Harjo at (405) 452-5200, Henry Harjo at (405) 452-5501, Evelyn Bucktrot at (918) 452-3442, Teresa Johnson at (405) 452-5388 or Mark Foley (405) 452-5522.

19th Anniversary Celebration and Powwow
NORMAN - Thunderbird Casino will be hosting the 19th Annual Anniversary Celebration and Powwow on June 30, July 1 and 2.
Gourd dancing begins at 6 p.m. on Friday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday and Sunday, gourd dancing will resume at 6 p.m.
Contests will include: Golden Age, men and women; Adult, men and women; Teens, boys and girls (13 - 17 years); Combined Juniors, boys and girls (7 - 12 years); Tiny Tots; Women's Northern Fancy Shawl and Southern Buckskin; Men's Northern Traditional and Southern Straight; and Drum, northern and southern. There will also be a Stomp Dance Exhibition on Saturday and all dance grounds are invited.
The head staff include: emcee, Sammy Tonkei White; head man dancer, Terry Tsotigh; head lady dancer, Tanya Moore; head gourd dancer, Ed tici@tulsapowwow.org. For artist Yellowfish; host gourd clan,

Comanche Little Ponies; head southern drum, T.B.A.; head northern drum, Buffalo Horse Singers; head drum judge, Randy Moore and arena director, Dennis Little Axe.
For more information, contact the Powwow Coordinator at (405) 360-9270 ext. 283.
The Thunderbird Casino is located at 15700 E. St. Hwy. 9 (17 miles east of Norman).
Children's Creek Cultural Classes
GLENPOOL - The Summer Reading Program at the Tulsa Library American Indian Resource Center will be hosting a Children's Creek Cultural Class on July 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at the Glenpool Library.
The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Cultural Preservation department will present storytelling, songs and activities about the Muscogee people.
The event is for ages 5-12.
The library is located at 730 E. 141st Street.
Children's Muscogee Creek Language Class
GLENPOOL - The Summer Reading Program at the Tulsa Library American Indian Resource Center will be hosting a Children's Muscogee Creek Language Class on July 10, 11 and 12 from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at the Glenpool Library.
The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Language Program will teach basic words of the Muscogee Language.
This event is for ages 5-12.
The library is located at 730 E. 141st Street.

54th Annual Tulsa Powwow
TULSA - Tulsa Indian Club Inc. and Tulsa Native Network (TNN) will host the 54th Annual Tulsa Powwow on July 21, 22 and 23 at the Tulsa Convention Center, Exhibit Hall C. from 12 p.m. until midnight. There will be contests in all categories.
The head staff includes: head man dancer, Randy Moore; head lady dancer, Margo Gray; head singer, Don Patterson; master of ceremonies, Sammy "Tone Kei" White; gourd clan, Lenape Gourd Clan; host northern drum, Redland Singers; color guard, Mvskoke Nation Honor Guard and arena director, Randy Frazier and Phil Gover.
For sponsorship and vendor information, contact Tulsa Indian Club Inc. at (918) 671-2417 or send an e-mail to tici@tulsapowwow.org. For artist and arts and crafts information,

call Sammy Haynes at (918) 449-0344. For the latest information on all events visit www.tulsapowwow.org.

2006 Powwow of Champions
TULSA - The Intertribal Indian Club of Tulsa (IICOT) will be hosting the 29th Annual 2006 Powwow of Champions on August 11, 12 and 13 at the Tulsa State Fairgrounds, Expo Building.
Admission for the event is \$5 per person. There are family passes are available at \$16 for four persons and \$20 for five persons. Children 5 years and under are free.
The head staff includes: 2006 Honoree, Butch McIntosh; head singer, Francis Stumblingbear; head man dancer, A.J. Leadingfox; head lady dancer, Debra Mooney; head boy dancer, Mason Bighorse; head girl dancer, Marissa Wikel; host gourd dancer, Osage Gourd Clan; masters of ceremonies, Archie Mason and Neil Lawhead and arena directors, Zeke Ulrey and Karl Beaston.
Contests include: Jr. Girls, buckskin, jingle, fancy shawl and cloth; Jr. Boys, traditional, grass, straight and fancy; Tiny Tots, girls and boys; Golden Age, men and women (55 & over); Sr. Women, cloth, fancy shawl, jingle & buckskin; Sr. Men, straight, traditional and grass; Harry Adams Memorial Straight Dance and Terry Adams Memorial Fancy Dance.
For Vendor Contract or more information, call (918) 321-3460 or (918) 838-8276, e-mail, arts-n-crafts@iicot.org or visit their website at www.iicot.org.

Eufaula Powwow & Homecoming
EUFAULA - The Eufaula Indian Community will host a Powwow and Homecoming on September 1, 2 and 3 at the East Side Ballpark.
The head staff include: master of ceremonies, Sammy White; head gourd dance singer, Moses Starr; host war dance drum, Yellowhammer; head man dancer, JR Jaquez; head lady dancer, Crystal White; head gourd dancer, Will Tonemah; arena directors, Garland Kent Jr. and Bill Takes Horse; Honor Guard, VFW Post #8798 & Ladies Auxiliary (Friday), Mvskoke Nation Honor Guard (Saturday) and Seminole Nation

See **Activities**
Continued On Page B2

Native American History Series: Power of the Muscogee Bow

By Patrick E. Moore

The Muscogee hunter used the bow as his primary weapon to bring down big game until the introduction of the repeating rifle in the late 1800's. There were several reasons for the continued use of a bow. First, acquisition of a bow and arrows was not dependent upon the European trader. Second, the bow's rapid fire made it a superior weapon. Third, natural material for bow and arrow construction was readily available and fourth, Muscogee craftsmen had been producing the weapon for thousands of years.
The Muscogee hunter/soldier lived and fed his family with the bow and arrow. Speed, dexterity and accuracy were important if he expected to bring home game. His accuracy was perfect at ranges under forty yards even though with the bow he was capable of throwing an arrow four to five times that range.
Early English traders were extremely impressed by Muscogee archery. One explorer wrote in his journal during the 1600's that a Muscogee put one arrow 12 inches or better through an armored target.
When Columbus first attempted to land on a large Caribbean island in 1492, his first landing party was repelled by a shower of arrows from warriors of the resident Carib tribe. Columbus wrote in his journal that their arrows were made of hard wood, tipped with fish teeth and dipped in poison.
When Cabeza de Vaca began to explore the Gulf Coast, traveling from Mexico north in the 1500's, ten of his soldiers wearing armor were transfixed by arrows in a skirmish local residents. He also reported the Indian bows had a range of 200 yards and their arrows could pierce an oak tree as thick as a man's thigh.
De Soto during his invasion of the Muscogee lands during 1541 wrote as follows about Muscogee archers. "They never remain quiet, but are continually running, traversing from place to place, so that neither crossbow nor arquebuse can be aimed at them. Before my soldiers can make a single shot with either, the Muscogee will discharge three to four arrows; and he seldom misses his target. Where the Muscogee arrow meets with no armor, it pierces as deeply as the shaft from a crossbow. Their bows are very perfect; the arrows are made of certain canes, like reeds, very heavy, and so stiff that one of them when sharpened will pass through a target. Some are pointed with the bone of a fish, sharp like a chisel; others with some stone like a point

of a diamond, when they strike armor they will break at the place the parts are put together, those of cane split and enter my soldier's shirt of mail thereby doing severe injury."
De Soto's expedition, truly an invasion, suffered 760 injuries
The arrow shots were tremendous and sent with such force that the lance of one gentleman made of two pieces of ash was pierced by an arrow in the middle without being split and the arrow made a cross with the lance
from arrows and when they finally took one Muscogee archer prisoner, he demonstrated to his captors his power and accuracy with bow and arrow. Shooting from a distance of 150 yards his arrow passed completely through a coat of chain mail and lodged in the ground, when two coats were placed together at the same distance his arrow penetrated both coats, but did not pass completely though to the ground.
The Muscogee, originally terrified by the huge beasts Spanish soldiers rode, very quickly learned the horses of the Spanish were easier to hit and kill than the rider, so the Muscogee archer shot horses first then the rider as he struggled to walk in heavy armor. Spaniards wearing plate armor were shot very accurately any place that was unprotected, the eyes and throat were favorite Muscogee targets.
During a battle near present day Mobile, Alabama one of De Soto's men was hit with more than 20 arrows and another who dismounted to remove an arrow from his horse was shot through the neck and died instantly. In this battle alone 22 Spaniards were killed, 148 were wounded, seven horses were killed three having the arrow enter one shoulder and exit the other shoulder, in addition 29 horses were wounded and the rest of the company suffered a total of 688 arrow wounds. The journal contains the following passage, "The arrow shots were tremen-

dous and sent with such force that the lance of one gentleman made of two pieces of ash was pierced by an arrow in the middle without being split and the arrow made a cross with the lance."
The De Soto attack ended when a heavy rainstorm wet the Muscogee's bowstrings and they withdrew from the battlefield. Between 1539 and 1543 the Spaniards lost 250 men and 150 horses, but the Spanish toll on the southeastern Indians during this invasion was staggering. The Spanish invaders destroyed one entire town with a population of over 5,000 people, placed untold 1000's into slavery and under flags of truce captured and executed 100's of warriors and chiefs.
When Coronado crossed the southwest during 1540 one of his officers wrote in his journal that he had witnessed a Native American Bowman shoot a bull buffalo and the arrow penetrated both shoulders. The officer remarked that this feat would have been a difficult shot with his musket.
Horses provided far greater hunting mobility and the Native American horseman was an expert at hunting from horseback. He always mounted his horse from the right side, he always approached game from the right side with bow and arrows in his left hand. He shot from right to left while sometimes riding at a full gallop, many non frontier artists have depicted this scene incorrectly, while those who actually observed a hunt portray the shooting from horse back properly.
Frontier traders hunting with plains Indians wrote in their journals of witnessing bow shots made by Native American archers where the arrow would pass completely through a buffalo with the arrow sticking in the ground on the other side. On one occasion they wrote that one hunter shot completely through a buffalo cow and killed the calf running by her other side.
When the Muscogee converted to the black powder rifle, one frontiersman wrote that it was safer to stand before a Muscogee rifle at 80 yards than the same Muscogee at the same distance armed with a bow and quiver of arrows.
Introduction of the black powder rifle diminished the need for bow and arrow craftsman and by the time black powder rifles wore out and became scarce one half century later, there were not enough of these skilled bow makers alive to supply the demand.
Today there are too few artisans practicing bow making and soon this skill may be lost forever, all to the detriment of the First and subsequent Americans.

The following Tribal Registered voters are urged to contact the Creek Nation Election Board to update their address. Call 1-800-482-1979 or 918-732-7684, 7685 and 7631.			
Acheson, Marilyn Acrea (Ollie), Dora Adair, Harold D. Adams, Brian H. Adams, Lauren M. Adams, Neal V. Adams (Rinehart), Paula Adams III, Willie S. Ade, David Stacey Adkins, Stella P. Adolph, Gregory L. Adolph, Jeffery E. Agent (Post), Samantha Aguilar (White), Rachel Ahtone, Eloise Akins (Lout), Cynthia Alexander JR., Alex Alexander, Debra K. Alexander, George S. Alexander, James A. Alexander, Lewis E. Allen, Bluford W. Allen, Carl R. Allen, Kenneth E. Allen (Tiger), Melissa Allen, Shereen L Allison, Robert R. Alterman, Peggy D. Alwert, Canuky A. Amador, Winnona Anderson, Joseph W. Anderson, Karen L. Anderson, Kathryn A. Anderson, Michael J. Anderson, Robert C. Anderson, Robin L.	Anderson, Solomon K. Anderson, Steven D. Anderson, Susan D. Anderson, Zachariah J. Anglen, Michael W. Anglen (Lewis), Marlene Ansel, Billy J. Ansel JR., Billy J. Ansel, Charles A. Ansel, Earnest Wayne Ansel, Floyd C. Anspaw, Carrie W. Apple, James C. Apple, Mildred L. Applegate, Pamela G. Aquino, Domingo A. Aquino JR., Ricardo M. Arbuckle, Carol A. Archer, Byron L. Archer, Jerry D. Archer, Leroy W. Archer, Melissa J. Archer, Randall M. Arnett Sullins), Tenia Arpoika, Bobby I. Arzola (Keller), Sherri Asbury, Charles E. Asbury, Lillian J. Ashmore, Yvette M. Asimenu, Janeth K. Atkins (Miller), Kathy Atkins JR., William N. Atkins-Clerc, Ambra Aubrey, Herbert F. Audd, Richard M. Audrain, Gertude	Ault (Warren), Cheri Ault, Richard B. Austin (Yardy), Arma Austin, Danielle K. Austin, Susan L. Avants, Helen B. Badgett, Alice Bailey (Harrell), Betty Bailey, Martha Bailey, Robin K. Baker JR., Robert Baker, Ronald B. Baker, William T. Baldridge, Paul A. Baldridge, Steven J. Bales, Jerry Banks (Bird), Carol Banks, Lori L. Banowetz, Margaret Barlow JR., Charles A. Barnes, Donna K. Barnett, Bradley S. Barnett, Brandon E. Barnett JR., Charles Barnett, David R. Barnett, Gail J. Barnett, George C. Barnett JR., Jackson Barnett, Ronald R. Barnett, Sandra C. Barratt (Gotts), Virginia Barrett, Rhett Barron, Delorse Bartlow, Lorrie L. Bartmess, Dione M. Barton, Andrew R.	Barton (Kelley), Brenda Barton (Hart), Rosella Barzellone, Justin S. Bass, Maliaka L. Bates, Frankie L. Baughn, Bruce G. Baughn, Juanita J. Baxter, Melinda V. Bear, Dale L. Bear, David Bear, Jamison O. Bear, Joyce A. Bear, Lijah R. Bear (Bruner), Mamie Beaty, Rozan Beaver, Dane K. Beaver, Edgar E. Beaver, Jody N. Beaver, Lisa D. Beaver, Shelton O. Bell (Kelley), Mary Bellamy, Robert J. Bemore, Pamela G. Benardello, Jennie L. Benedict, Jessica E. Benn, Samantha J. Bennefield, Harold P. Bennett, Cassandra Bennett, Myrtle M. Bennett, Sammy L. Bennett, Sandra K. Benson, Billie D. Benson, Kyleen S.
See Voters <i>Continued On Page B8</i>			

Creek girl's desire to sing paying off

"When I was younger I'd listen to Elton John and Ronnie Milsap and sing along. I would have Jamie Coon concerts in my bedroom with sisters as the audience."

By Gerald Wofford

A few years ago near the town of Okemah, Indian kids would try to find entertaining ways to pass away the hot summer day and nights. Without the modern technological spoils of a satellite dish or an electronic gameboy, many of the native children would become very creative in their attempts to see the clock's hand wind away another day.

Little Jamie Coon was part of the area youth who were discovering fun options as well as discovering a little bit about themselves. Coon wasn't by herself, the Creek and Seminole home in which she grew up in was filled with four sisters and one broth-

er and often the past time would turn to music. "I've loved music as long as I can remember," says Coon. "When I was younger I'd listen to Elton John and Ronnie Milsap and sing along. I would have Jamie Coon concerts in my bedroom with my sisters as the audience."

The sibling performances would cause Coon to be bitten by the music bug and would put the desire in her heart to make a career of it. Because she liked the music of Elton John, whose style is pop and rock and Ronnie Milsap, who is purely country, showed that Jamie liked any kind of music if it just sounded good. The further influences of singers like Percy Sledge and the soulful tones of Motown were also motivational. So Jamie continued, and the singing of just about every good song coming from the radio helped the native

artist in training her voice and singing became more easy. The added inspiration from the 'King'-Elvis Presley whom Jamie calls her "hero" made her want to learn to play the guitar, and later the piano. While other Indian kids were playing softball and other sports, Jamie also began singing more. As she kept going and discovered how much music was a part of her life, she began to look at the overall parts of what went into making a great song. Things such as lyrics, the poetic timing, and that the overall feeling was there.

The grade school years changed to High School and when that was over, Jamie knew that music would always be a part of her life. Such a part that she wanted to see about making a career of it. The west coast seemed to be tugging at the Indian girl's heart and the bright lights of Los Angeles was certainly a hot spot of music creativity. A school that was in the area was just what Jamie was looking for. "I moved out here to attend Musicians Institute," explains Jamie who graduated from the program in 1999. After receiving quality training for her voice Jamie wondered if life after graduating would have any possibilities. She had decided that she liked the California scene and wanted to make this a place to call home. The native artist embraced the west, but would the west embrace her?

Jamie found out that the opportunities now facing her were just too good to pass up. The LA music scene took her in and for good reason-Jamie's voice has been described as "soulful and angelic" and soon she was meeting other musicians who were looking for the talent that Jamie had. Meetings with acoustic guitarist Rafael Barajas and keyboardist Byron Evans helped Jamie assemble a band. Other members like Jamie Bulloch, Tom Von Doom, and drummer/producer Pat Evans were just as important and the CD titled 'Everything So Far' was produced. For Jamie it was a labor of love and was extremely pleased with it. "Everything So Far" is exactly that," says Jamie. "Everything we've written and recorded up until now.

"Waiting" (The first track and single from the album) was the first song I wrote after I moved to LA. "Betrayed with a Kiss" was written by one of the

"All I have to say is thank God for producers. Pat and Tom made this album possible. The most important thing is to feel comfortable with who you're working with,"



Creek Seminole artist
Jamie Coon

album's producers, Tom Von Doom. "Silent Words" was written by a gentleman named Jarrot Michaels. The other tunes I co-wrote with my guitar players, Rafael Barajas and Byron Evans. I think the mix of songwriters adds a cool variety to the album.

With Jamie's further training with the guitar and piano, and with a band that felt the same passion to music as she did, the live performances were a plus, but the production of a studio recording was a little different and Jamie discovered an advantage in making quality recordings that are not 'unplugged'. So "All I have to say is thank God for producers. Pat and Tom made this album possible. The most important thing is to feel comfortable with who you're working with," says Jamie.

The introduction of Jamie and her band to the California music scene has not gone unnoticed. With 'Everything So Far' taking off so well, Jamie has



been nominated for 'Best Female Artist' in the First Annual Southern California Music Awards. Music constantly expands and with Jamie she finds her music being added to films as well. Several of Jamie's songs are on the music soundtrack 'Gone But Not Forgotten' and 'Virtuality' and the band is also working sounds for the upcoming film 'Long Term Relationship'. A film that Jamie feels is in sync with the music. "Long Term Relationship" is a Romantic Comedy. One of my best friends Matthew Montgomery plays the lead character. It's been fun and I'm excited about this film. It's going to be released this summer. We're putting the finishing touches on the music as we speak," says Jamie. "The director, Rob, gave me a few basic ideas. We wrote two new songs for the movie and they are also using "Inside of Me" from the album. It's great! I love writing music for film. I hope we can do it more in the future." Jamie has recently learned that another of her songs called 'Breathe' was placed in an independent film entitled 'The American Standard' that will be shown at the Cannes Film Festival in France. In July, Jamie and the band will begin producing a new CD, a title has not yet been decided upon, but they will begin shooting a video for one of the songs called 'Waiting' that will be the first song on the CD.

Jamie admits that she tries to visit Oklahoma as much as possible and likes performing there. Recently she did a concert at the Grape Ranch in Okemah, which was a bit of a homecoming for her. The opportunities that Jamie has been given ever since she decided to move to the west coast has been a wise pay-off and looking back she is glad that she made the move. But even with the California influence, Jamie's music still has an Oklahoma feel to it, the songs of famous musical artists have been a big influence, but Jamie credits her family and friends for being a part of the big picture as well. "My parents are Oklahoma natives. My dad, Wendell, is Creek/Seminole and an amazing artist," says Jamie. "We're working on his website, it will be up very soon. My mom Sheila is Creek and a wonderful singer. I have one brother and four sisters. I also have a niece and two nephews. They all live in Okemah, and I miss them all."

All the information you need for a great time at the Muscogee Nation Festival. Don't miss this great event! See Section C for Details.

Bronze by Cooley

Bradley Cooley & Bradley Cooley Jr.



Commissions, Portraits, Table top, Life Size & Monumental sculptures
Email for a quote to
bradley@bronzebycooley.com
Phone 850-997-4680
www.bronzebycooley.com

Activities *Continued From Page 1B*

Honor Color Guard (Sunday) and E.I.C. Drumkeeper, Dugan McIntosh.

Grand Entry will begin at 8 p.m. nightly. There will be contests nightly, arts & crafts and food concessions. Bring your lawn chairs. Admission is free.

For more information, contact George Tiger, EIC Powwow Chairman, at (918) 618-2990.

World Championship Fry Bread Cook-off

TULSA - The World Championship Fry Bread Cook-off will be held at the Tulsa Event Center.

The contests include: All Around Best Piece of Fry Bread; Fry Bread Diva Award; Largest Piece of Fry Bread and Best Booth decorations. The Fry Bread Eating contest and Fry Bread Throwing contest entry fee will be \$5 each.

For booth space, sponsorship and vendor information, contact Kathy Been at (918) 378-7165 or (918) 663-0870 or send an e-mail to tici@tulsapowwow.org.

WHERE OK COMES TO PLAY!

OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY...EVERYDAY

Stop by today for your shot at the thousands of dollars won each and every day. With over 350 Electronic Games, Blackjack Tables, Poker Tables and weekly promotions to choose from, the odds of you winning are even more in your favor.

We wish you good luck and look forward to making your gaming experience with us a great one at...

CREEK NATION Casino
OKMULGEE

OVER 350 ELECTRONIC GAMES • POKER • BLACKJACK
HWY 75 @ EUFAULA ST. • (918)756-8400
THIS FACILITY IS REGULATED BY THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OFFICE OF PUBLIC GAMING

Creek citizens take a trip to Cherokee, North Carolina for Tribes Cultural Arts Celebration

By: Jackson Barnett
Senior Services Manager

A total of 11 people in two vans departed from Creek Nation about five o'clock in the morning, Thursday May 18. We were headed for Cherokee, North Carolina for the initial southeast Tribes Cultural Arts Celebration. The intent was to bring together the five major aboriginal tribes of the Southeast for two days of traditional dance, storytelling, authentic arts and crafts and living history.

Invited participants included members of these federally recognized tribes: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, Seminole Nations of

Florida and Oklahoma. For more than ten thousand years, these people lived in the southeastern part of the United States, creating everything they needed out of the environment, combining beauty and function in clothing, weapons, musical instruments, shelter, medicine and foods.

This gathering was for the purpose of showcasing the talents of these tribal members.

I was asked by our Chief, A.D. Ellis if I might be interested in transporting some of our craftspeople to North Carolina for this special weekend. I agreed as I had never been to Cherokee and my intent was to provide transportation and be a tourist and enjoy myself on this trip with few responsibilities. As it turned out, the organizer for this trip was called back to Oklahoma

on an emergency and I ended up being responsible for the travelers halfway through the weekend and on the return to Okmulgee.

We traveled the whole day intent on getting there without stopping overnight. We made the necessary stops for rest, fuel, and meals along I-40 out of Oklahoma, through Arkansas, Tennessee into the western part of North Carolina. We arrived in Knoxville, Tennessee around ten o'clock in the evening on Thursday. We went further east then turned south and entered the mountains of North Carolina. Before we crossed the state line we went through Dollywood, Tennessee. I believe our riders thought we might see Dolly Parton standing by the road waving to us, the males anyway.

There is now a way possible

to reach Cherokee without going through some large mountains. We hit the mountains and I thought we weren't ever going to get through them. We drove and drove and after an hour and a half we saw the lights of Cherokee. What a sight finally. I think some of us were feeling a bit queasy.

The next morning we headed out to the grounds located in the middle of Cherokee. The town itself appeared to me to be a real tourist trap. Quick stops, restaurants, and "Indiani stores. Some even had ireal Indians" out on front dressed out in feathers and war bonnets having their pictures taken with the tourists.

My drivers, Frank Harjo, Brent Moffer, Ken Taryole and myself tried to be helpful to our craftspeople in setting up their booths and doing what we could. Most of the time though we spent sitting by the booths watching everything going on and sitting in the grandstand for the performances. Our Creek Nation dancers performed very well as usual. Thanks should go to Irene Cully and her husband, Farron for their group's stomp dancing presentation. The Chickasaws, Mississippi Choctaws and the Eastern Cherokees also danced and made oral presentations.

Our trip organizer was called in the middle of the night on an emergency and two of my drivers

had to get up at three in the morning and drive him to Ashville, some distance to the east to fly out. I understand he was still waiting at noon the next day for a flight out.



Creek citizen, Mr. Sanders places third in the Blow Gun competition.

Saturday was pretty much the same schedule as Friday. However, some competition was held with blowgun shooting, archery, and judging of arts and crafts. Also a race of ten miles

and another race under a mile were scheduled with a member from each tribe taking part. The Chief of the Eastern Cherokees had even challenged the Chiefs of the other Southeast Tribes to a quarter mile race. My brother and I had wondered how old he might be. I found out while there that he is only 41 years old. No wonder he wanted to race the chiefs.

Some members of our group did quite well in the competitions. Mr. Sanders of Okemah placed third in the blowgun shooting. Bill McCully of Pryor placed second and third with his paintings and rock works.

The area around Cherokee is very beautiful with high mountains all around. I can understand why people would want to live there.

However personally, being used to the flat lands of Oklahoma, I felt hemmed in by tall mountains all around. I felt somewhat claustrophobic.

If some day I make the trip to Cherokee, my drivers found a way out by going to the East some thirty miles then picking up I-40 near Ashville. That's the way we came out on our return back. It was a little farther, but straighter, better highways, and faster. We again traveled all day in order to make it home Sunday night. We arrived in Okmulgee about 8:30p.m. We were happy to be home.

Go to Great Lengths

At long last! LUXIVA® Xtra Length Mascara x-aggerates lashes to the max. A lightweight lengthening formula and high-tech brush create x-tremely flirty glances.



18 Oak St ~ Eufaula, OK 74432
918.618.4301
Selina Jayne-Dornan/Owner
Muscogee (Creek) Citizen

MERLE NORMAN®

LEGAL NOTICES CONTINUED FROM PAGE A2

account for daily and annual balances of Indian trust funds. Sec. 4011 provides "Annual audit. The Secretary shall cause to be conducted an annual audit on a fiscal year basis of all funds held in trust by the United States for the benefit of an Indian tribe or an individual Indian which are deposited or invested pursuant to section 162a of this title, and shall include a letter relating to the audit in the first statement of performance provided under subsection (b) of this section after the completion of the audit.

The Act further states in Sec. 4012, "Authority for payment

of claims for interest owed. The Secretary shall make payments to an individual Indian in full satisfaction of any claim of such individual for interest on amounts deposited or invested on behalf of such individual before October 25, 1994, retroactive to the date that the Secretary began investing individual Indian monies on a regular basis, to the extent that the claim is identified -

(1) by a reconciliation process of individual Indian money accounts, or

(2) by the individual and presented to the Secretary with supporting documentation, and is verified by the Secretary pursuant to the Department's policy for addressing accountholder losses."

I fulfilled the requirements of section 4012 without getting satisfaction of a reconciliation, accounting, audit, or reimbursement. My most recent attempt to get my claim satisfied was by letter to Ross Swimmer, Office of Special Trustee. When I got no response, I sent more letters to Gail Norton, Secretary, Department of Interior, James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary, Ross Swimmer, Office of Special Trustee, and John Snow, Department of the Treasury. To date, I have not received acknowledgment from any of these persons.

The American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 had so many good points and if carried out, would have been great for our people. Why make new laws when the old ones are not enforced? I am very troubled by the proposed Indian Trust Act of 2005 introduced by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

When I found out the House Resources Committee was having a joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on February 16, 2006, I wrote letters to both Senator McCain and Representative Pombo directed to all members of each committee with comments on many sections I believe are not in the best interests of Indian people.

For example, the statute of limitations cuts off claims made by those deceased before 1994 and does not cover some of the most productive years of royalty income for Oklahoma Indians. It also appears to take away American Indians' redress to the court by stating, "a claimant shall not maintain an action in any Federal, State, or other court for an accounting claim originating before the date of enactment of this Act." Also, if you do not agree with the Special Master with respect to the amount of a share payment claim, a claimant must file only in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. How many of us can afford to travel to D.C.? Additionally, there is no basis for settlement figures for Congress to use when appropriat-

ing money for a settlement fund. See the attached letters to both committees and members of the oversight hearing on March 1, 2006, detailing my position.

The Cobell court termed me as being "frustrated." I am very frustrated because I have worked for so long without success or even acknowledgment of my efforts for the most part. In the past I had letters from Senator Coburn and Representative Boren, Congressmen from Oklahoma. One told me to pursue my case in court and the other advised me to wait for legislation.

I became more frustrated when I read the proposed Indian Trust Reform Act of 2005. I urge all of you to read it from an individual's viewpoint and ask if this is what is best for American Indians. I ask all who represent tribes to remember that tribes are made up of individuals. If my individual rights are eroded, then yours will be also.

Senator McCain in his July 26, 2005 statement in a hearing on S. 1439 stated, "We made it very clear to all parties that the bill was intended to provide a basis for discussion and review of the issue, and we welcomed comment and the opportunity to improve it." I sincerely hope Senator McCain and Representative Pombo and the members of their committees will take notice of my comments and use them to improve the proposed bill. I urge you write to these committees before their next meeting at the end of this month. The Tribes of Oklahoma will be the biggest losers in this legislation since it cuts off the statute of limitations and eliminates the years when our lands were bringing in more royalties and income during the oil and gas boom years, which can be documented.

The Cobell Defendants (Departments of Interior and Treasury) also termed me a "non-party" to the class action. This being the case, I must fight my own individual fight without help. My only voice this far is through letters I write to various individuals, congressmen, tribal newspapers, and other interested parties.

When Senator McCain stated in his July 2005 statement, i" And, I would like to believe that at the end of the day the individuals who struggle through the drama of the litigation on both sides would like to see them made as whole as is possible in the circumstances we all confront." Senator McCain wasn't necessarily speaking about Indians being made whole; he is concerned about the defendants as well. I ask you, how have the defendants in Cobell been injured? We certainly haven't injured them. They are the ones taking our money and other valuable assets. If the government had done its duty, there

See **Legal**
Continued On Page B5

Creditor Information	
Mortgages/Landlord _____	Telephone _____
Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Account No. _____	Amount owed _____
Utility Company or other _____	Telephone _____
Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Account No. _____	Amount owed _____
Utility Company or other _____	Telephone _____
Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Account No. _____	Amount owed _____
Monthly Expenses (Medical, Prescription, Education, 401K, Other) _____	

Requirements For Eligibility:
Veteran must have Honorable, or General Under Honorable discharge.
Veteran or Spouse must be an enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Citizen.

Instructions:
Submit copy of Discharge; DD 214, NGB 22, WD Form.
Active Duty – submit Statement Of Service from Command.
Submit copy of proof of Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizenship.
Surviving Spouse – submit copy of Veteran's death certificate.
Attach copies of current bills, disconnection notices and all other expenses to be considered.
Incomplete application will not be considered.

Mail application and all documents required to:
Veterans Affairs Services Office (VASO)
Muscogee (Creek) Nation
P.O. Box 580
Highway 75 & Loop 56
Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

Post Grant Instructions
Grant Recipient will please submit all receipts within 30 days from the issue date of grant check to VASO. Failure to submit receipts of funds expenditures to VASO within 30 days will result in Grant Recipient reimbursing all funds, and disqualification from future grants.

I, _____ understand the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Veterans Affairs Services Office may in cases of fraud, misrepresentation or withholding of information, bar the applicant from future benefits, and/or refer to the Attorney General of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for prosecution. I certify the information listed on this application is correct. Furthermore, I authorize the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Veterans Affairs Services Office Director to obtain any and all information from my records with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and/or other agencies to assist in the processing of this application.

Signature of Applicant

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
	Recommendation
Shelter	_____
Utility/Other	_____
Utility/Other	_____
Utility/Other	_____
Other	_____
Veterans Affairs Services Office Director/ Date _____	
Fund Account No. _____	


Committee Approved	
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Committee Member/ Date _____	

LOUIS BEAVER

FORT BRAGG, North Carolina - Funeral services for Sergeant Major Retired Louis Beaver were held November 14 with full military honors.

He was born May 18, 1925 in Eufaula to Turner and Nellie Hawkins Beaver.

Louis was a retired paratrooper serving 22 years in the United States Army. He served in World War II and the Korean Conflict and was a highly decorated Trooper, serving with the 11th and 82nd Airborne Division. Louis also retired from the U.S. Postal Service, Civil Service with 17 years.



Beaver

Beaver was a member of the First Baptist Church of Oak Island where he served as a dedicated deacon and Sunday school teacher.

Preceding him in death was: his parents; brother, Byah Beaver-Barnette of Muskogee and the late Reverend Weslie Barentte.

Survivors include: wife, Evamarie (Evelyn); five sons, David Louis, Thomas Mark, Christopher Patrick, Kenneth Whittney and James Michael; two daughters, Amber O. Shev and Robin Kimberly Beaver Bailey and seven grandchildren.

Interment was at Fort Bragg Cemetery in North Carolina.

DAVID VANSTRATEN

DEWAR - Funeral services for David Wayne VanStraten were held May 26 at the First Baptist Church with Reverend Robert Parker officiating.

He was born June 29, 1978 to David and Teresa Blankenship VanStraten in Okmulgee.

David was a member of the Flowing River Church of God in Henryetta. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and being with his family.

Preceding him in death were his father and grandparents, Jewell Mozelle and Charles “Monk” VanStraten.

Survivors include: wife, Sally

LEGAL NOTICES CONTINUED FROM PAGE A2

not have to be appropriations to pay Cobell plaintiffs and other IIM beneficiaries. Our money would be there, safely invested and earning interest at the current market yield. They screwed up and are trying to make us feel guilty about asking for what belongs to us. I do not feel guilty and neither should you.

When Senator McCain said in his July 2005 statement at the S. 1439 hearing, “If the federal government is going make this money available to attempt to right a wrong perpetrated over many years of mismanaging accounts, it does not strike me as unreasonable that the legislation resolve the class action for historical accountings and remove it from the court for a prompt and fair distribution to claimants.” I ask why should Congress legislate away the court’s decision in violation of the Separation of Powers Doctrine?

When a group of tribal leaders got together and formed 50 proposals for individual Indians, for settlement of Cobell, the proposals were not incorporated in the 2005 Indian trust proposals. If you read the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs proposals and then read the House Resources Committee proposals, you could swear the same person wrote them both. The 2005 proposed legislation diminishes the 1994 Act if I understand it correctly.

So why am I concerned for all IIM beneficiaries? I helped form OILMAN in an effort to help other individual Indian members like myself who were either not being paid or underpaid on oil and gas royalties arising from restricted Indian land. Why am I concerned this proposed legislation will be fair?

Why has the issue of war bonds or Liberty bonds not been mentioned in any settlement agreement when the government took millions from IIM trust beneficiaries accounts and never repaid them beginning in 1918 during World War I and continued in World War II? Are IIM beneficiaries still paying for the war we are in now? I don’t know how much the federal government owes us, but it is substantially more than anyone wants to admit. Senator McCain stated, “Congress did this for the families of the victims of the 9-11 attacks. It is not a flawless way to proceed, but it has been demonstrated to be fair and prompt.” There were not millions of 9-11 victims.

I was surprised and shocked when the Office of Special Trustee’s phone contact person stated there were millions of Individual Indian Money beneficiaries, not approximately 500,000 as stated in the Cobell litigation. You do the math, if there are millions of IIM beneficiaries, how much will be fairly distributed to each of those millions of people, some of whom they can’t locate. What happens to their share? Senator

McCain has already stated that \$27.5 billion is too much. No one will get very much except the Cobell attorneys who already have an order that states they will get paid approximately \$7 million. Is that equal justice?

Attachments:

February 16, 2006 letter to Senator McCain and United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Members

February 16, 2006 letter to Representative Pombo and House Resources Committee Members

March 7, 2006 letter to Members of the Joint Oversight Hearing Committee Attendees

NOTICE

PROPOSED GRAZING LEASES - RESTRICTED INDIAN LAND

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR - BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

OKMULGEE FIELD OFFICE (PROPERTY AVAILABLE TO LEASE)

Sealed bids will be received until June 30, 2006, 10:00 am CST and opened at that time in the office of the Superintendent, Creek Nation Tribal Complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma for the leasing of Restricted Indian land, described herein. The right is reserved to reject any bid and withhold approval of a lease even though submitted as a result of an accepted bid. In the event two or more high bids on a tract are in the same amount, the bidders submitting the tie high bids may be required to draw lots or submit sealed rebids to determine the successful bidder.

The lessee will be required to furnish with each lease a satisfactory surety bond in the amount that is reasonably assure performance of the contractual obligations under the lease.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NE/4 SE/4 OF SECTION 11-T7N-R8E, LESS TWO (1) ACRE HOMESITES, 38 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, HUGHES COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

To obtain more information and the proper bid forms, please contact Muskogee (Creek) Nation Realty Trust Services Sonya Lytch, Realty Trust Services Manager, 918-732-7713 Sabrina Pike, Realty Assistant/Lease, 918-732-7703 Chris Natseway, Realty Clerk/Lease 918-732-7709

or you may write: Muskogee (Creek) Nation Att: Realty Trust Services P.O. Box 580 Okmulgee, OK 74447

RUSSELL CRINER

HECTORVILLE - Funeral services for Russell D. Criner were held May 19 at Hectorville Free Will Baptist Church officiated by Pastor Willie McCaslin.

He was born on November 22, 1938 in Claremore to Devo and Nada Hazel Anderson Criner.

Russell was a member of the 1957 graduating class of Twin Hills High School.

He served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1961 to 1963.

His working years were spent primarily as a self-employed dump truck driver and he also drove a truck for Affiliated Foods.

He was a deacon at the Hectorville Free Will Baptist Church and also faithfully

CHRISTINE WOLFE

Preceding her in death was: her parents; son, Bobby Isham; brother, Merle Davis and husband, Billy Wolfe.

Survivors include: eight children, Theodore Isham of Okmulgee, Richard Glen Isham of Holdenville, Arlene Isham of Okemah, Jerome, Susan, Michael and David Isham and Luci Wolfe, all of Lamar; 20 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Frank Davis of Lamar and Leo King of Tulsa; sister, Sue Ann Davis of Lamar; one aunt; two sisters-in-law; numerous other relatives and many friends.

Interment was at the Lamar Cemetery.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hensci Muskoke Family!

When I was a child my family moved from Oklahoma to California. I was always aware of my Muskoke heritage all my life and whenever we would visit my grandmother. Beulah Doyle Combs in Oklahoma. She would take me to the Old Creek Council House in Okmulgee when it was still the capital building of the Creek Nation. She would point out a painting on the wall and tell me he was our ancestor who survived the trail of tears. I always felt it was part of me and yet I did not belong since I lived so far away.

I enrolled my children when they were very young and they felt less connected than I did.

All these feelings changed last year. My wife was having trouble with her back and this was affecting her ability to work and thus, our income. Our two oldest daughters are in college and we knew we were going to have trouble paying for their college tuition. A Muskoke friend who was a member of the California Muskogee (Creek) Association suggested we contact the Higher Education Department under Chennena Davis. I thought this was a God send. The Muskogee nation came through and helped my children remain in college and continue their education. Hopefully one day they will be able to give back to the tribe ten fold.

This past New Year’s Eve, two weeks after my wife’s spinal fusion operation, a major natural disaster struck our home. At 4:30a.m. flood waters surrounded and then engulfed our home. My wife could barely walk to the evacuation vehicles. She cried when she saw our children’s bible that her grandmother had given them floating away in the flood. I later was able to recover it, but it was lost from mold. Multiple tens of thousands of dollars of damage was done to our home and today we are still living in a motel as repairs continues. But yet again the Muskogee (Creek) Nation breached the miles to lend a helping hand. Funding had already been set aside to help Mvskoke disaster victims. The Muskogee Nation graciously extended the relief funds to my family. How do I begin to offer thanks and gratitude for the tribe’s generosity?

I have not needed to ask for help since I was a young man. I am humbled by having to do so this year. The MCN generosity does not come from a since of entitlements but from a real desire to help all its tribal citizens. I am so proud to be Mvskoke and a part of a Nation that does not ignore their own that live far away.

This is to thank the great Mvskoke Nation and its wonderful citizens. I want to especially thank Chief A.D. Ellis and

attended the Faith Holiness Church in Sapulpa.

He loved C.B. radios, playing music, singing and camping.

Preceding him in death was his first wife, Barbara Criner and two infant children.

Survivors include: wife, Patricia Criner; daughter, Carri Leete of Mesquite, Nevada; son, Russell Criner II of Okmulgee; two grandchildren; step-daughter, Cynthia Mills; three step-grandchildren; one aunt; several cousins; other relatives and friends.

Casketbearers were: Rusty Flud; Red Fields; Tom Harrell; Duane Gann; Ira Britt and Stanley Schooley.

Interment was at Bixby Cemetery.

MAURICE HILL

SAPULPA - Funeral services for Maurice Cameron Hill were held June 1 at Smith Funeral Home.

Maurice was a laborer.

Survivors include: his son, Jason Hill and parents, Chapman Hill and Colleen Star Hill.

THOMAS MILLER

VACAVILLE, California - A mass for Thomas O. “Tom” Miller was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

He was born August 30, 1920 in Oklahoma.

Miller served in the U.S. Coast Guard as Seaman 1st and served on a destroyer escort in the Atlantic in WWII, 1942-46. He worked for Standard Oil as lead guard for 32 years, retiring in 1978.

He enjoyed bowling, fishing and camping. Thomas was a member of Redman, Moose, Knights of Columbus, Contra

Costa Peace Officers and Standard Oil Retirement Association.

His wife, Nelle, preceded him in death.

Survivors include: his daughters, Kay Howard of Manteca, Carol DeVault of San Pablo and Barb Galentine of Vacaville; eight grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren and one cousin.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Diabetes Association or Disabled Veterans.

ROSCOE WOLFE

OKMULGEE - Funeral services for Roscoe Wolfe were held May 25 at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Alfred Berryhill and Dave Long Jr. officiating.

He was born in Cromwell on December 1, 1937 to Birdie and Myrtle James Wolfe.

Roscoe retired from the City of Ft. Worth, Texas.

His parents preceded him in

death.

Survivors included: two sons, Rick of Okmulgee and Michael Wolfe of Tulsa; brother, Jim Wolfe of Moore and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Micah Wolfe; Phil and Perry Booker; Steve Woodfield; and Wayne and Dustin Golightly.

Interment was at the Newtown Methodist Cemetery.

Muskogee Nation News
P.O. Box 580
muscogeenation-nsn.gov
Check Out The Festival Information Located In Section C Of This Issue!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Executive Staff. I want to thank Speaker George Tiger, Roger Barnett and all the National Council members for creating a bill that benefits all Mvskoke people. Della Cherry, Claude Sumner, Mike Flud, Heather Sunday and the kind people of the Social Services Department. Chennena Davis and the Higher Education Department have given us relief that our college children are taken care of while we go through these hard times. Also thank you to California Muskogee (Creek) Association and Eli Grayson for all the advice to me and my family. My family through many generations will talk of the kindness and grace that Muskogee Nation has granted us

I would also like to thank the employees of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation’s driveway and roads division, who came out on the Memorial Day holiday to help dig the grave. This is what makes our tribe so special and great, the selfless acts of many individuals according to the traditions of our ancestors.

Second, the concept of Hospice Care is a wonderful concept. To be able to give the affected family member a dignified and comforting final moment in their own home is one of the greatest calls to service that we as Mvskokvlke can achieve. Spending the final days of life at home surrounded by family and friends and having church services at home is easier than at the hospital, where it seems like family and visitors are imposing on the hospital schedule and a person is a “patient.” I would like to see a working group formed to look at ways the Tribe can help families facilitate hospice care, including transportation to their home when an individual is at the end of their life. It may be that hospice care is less expensive than hospital care and this communal way of caring for its members is much needed by us all.

Mvto Cekievkis ci!
Christine (Isham) Wolfe Family
Thanks to everyone for their support of great woman

Our mother, Christine Wolfe

Dear Editor:
I too am a Creek citizen, working for the Lord, not living among my people. After longing for home for 64 years, I will soon be back to spend the rest of my life with my relatives and tribe.

Yes, the Lord is returning soon, but not “because of the way things are in our Indian churches.” He is returning because of the plans He made more than 2,000 years ago.

It breaks my heart that some Christians choose to forget that “imperfect ministers and churches” is God’s territory, not ours. Hebrews 13:17 says “They will answer to Him if they err. Surely, we will be held accountable if we add to the burden of their calling.

“Imperfect Christians’ is God’s territory also. Where in His Holy Word does it way we have the right to usurp His authority? He alone is the judge of all. God takes a very dim view of self-righteousness. Rather than fill two or three pages of rebuttal to the shocking letter to the editor vilifying Indian ministers and Indian churches, I will simply say...

Let’s pray for Christians who preach Love, and in the same breath, trash the American Indian race, slam Indian ministers and churches, repeat hearsay, and espouse personal opinion, while totally ignoring Matthew 7:1-5, Matthew 23:28, James 1:26, James 3:6, 1 Peter 3:10, and many other such warnings.

See **LETTERS**
Continued On Page B6

Schumacher Funeral Home

Ron Schumacher is Announcing
Two new additions to our staff with over
80 years of combined experience to better serve you
Bob McLemore and Patty Fletcher



Honoring Muskogee Creek Traditions
130 W. 8th St.
Bristow, OK 74010
918.367.2244
Two Locations to serve your needs:
B.I.A. & Tribal Burial Funds may
include a complete Funeral Service

1321 W. Columbia
Okemah, OK 74859
918.623.1133

JOBS

CEO - DIVISION OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Academic training through the Masters level in one of the public or allied health sciences, Business or Management fields. Substantial experience managing public health programs which encompasses work in the following direct health care activities: Hospital/Ambulatory Care, Preventative/Rehabilitation/Contract Health services. In addition, candidates must clearly show demonstrated ability to work with health care professional organizations at the State or National level. Evidence of an extensive amount of professional development and accomplishments as evidenced by promotions, career broadening assignments, demonstrated ability in public and professional presentations, active participation in professional organizations recipient of award of honors from nationally recognized associations for excellence and/or outstanding contributions to the field.

CLINICAL DIRECTOR - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

A Ph.D. or Psy.D. in Clinical or Counseling Psychology from an accredited college/university. Five (5) years experience as a licensed psychologist. Five (5) years of managerial or supervisory experience. Current Licensure by the State of Oklahoma as a Psychologist or Health Services

Psychologist is required.

STAFF DENTIST - SAPULPA

A DDS or DMD from a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and a certificate from an accredited General Practice Residency program. Or, a DDS or DMD from a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Licensure or ability to be licensed to practice dentistry in a state, territory or commonwealth of the United States, or in the District of Columbia. One (1) year of relevant experience in addition to experience gained through an accredited residency program or three (3) additional years of relevant experience without certification from an accredited residency program as stated in the educational requirements.

STAFF PSYCHOLOGIST - BHS

A Ph.D. in Clinical or Counseling Psychology from an accredited program is required. Oklahoma license (or license eligible) as a Psychologist or Health Services Psychologist (preferred). Must be CADC certified or CADC eligible. A minimum of one(1) year clinical experience (may include internship) in a tribal setting (preferred).

PHYSICIAN

Candidates must be a graduate

Message

Continued From Page A8

HHS Secretary Leavitt, HUD Secretary Jackson, Transportation Secretary Mineta, Energy Secretary Bodman, Homeland Security Secretary Chertoff, Agriculture Secretary Johanns, Defense Secretary Rumsfeld, Attorney General Gonzales, Treasury Secretary Snow, and several Supreme Court justices. Also, Karyn Frist (wife of Senate Majority Leader) and Landra Reid (wife of Senate Minority Leader) also attended.

UNITY was designated by the Congressional Club to receive a contribution as the charitable recipient. UNITY was incorporated in 1976 in

Oklahoma as a national nonprofit organization promoting personal development, citizenship, and leadership among Native youth.

UNITY's mission is to foster the spiritual, mental, physical, and social development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth and to help build a strong, unified and self-reliant Native America through greater youth involvement. UNITY believes our youth represent our greatest resource and, based on that belief, UNITY is fulfilling its commitment to our youth through a network of over 200 diverse youth councils in 34 states.

Leadership

Continued From Page A8

of American Indian leaders. Notably, the following highlights were considered to be significant according to the American Indian Policy Center in St. Paul, Minnesota regarding American Indian leadership: “(1). Spirituality was a core element of American Indian life and all leadership possessed spiritual significance. (2). Leaders demonstrated generosity and kindness, and honored all living things. (3). Elders cultivated the leadership of future generations. (4). American Indian leaders were humble servants to the community. Individuals did not leadership. Leaders emerged from their contributions to the community and the people and selected those considered most able to lead. (5). No one person was always a leader and many were leaders at different times. (6). The community could cease to recognize leaders by simply choosing to not follow him or her”. American Indian leaders led by example rather than by authority or command. (7). American Indian leaders took their time when making a decision. When they gave their word on a decision it was a final, binding pledge. (8). When tribal leaders met to deliberate on a matter they sought understanding and consensus through mutual inquiry. There was no debate. (9). American Indian methods of resolving social conflict were based on the concept of restitution that focused on restoring respectful personal and social relations. (10). A balance is sought and achieved when resolving a social conflict by correcting what was/is wrong through restitution in the physical or personal level.”

Based on the pervious highlights, American Indian persons and leaders born and raised in tribal communities and cultural families realize at an early age that something separated them from the mainstream of social development and leadership development and that something also shaped their perceptions and expectations of how leaders should provide leadership. On the other hand, some leaders and group members never realize the significance and importance of the community and the family environment and how it facilitates how group members operate as people.

Leadership was exhibited by our traditional and cultural communities for many generations since laws were handed down to the first people and how we were to operate in the new world. Leadership was modeled to us in our traditional Mvskoke churches and in our traditional Mvskoke ceremonial grounds and tribal towns. I remember the gentleness, the strength, and the oratory skills of Mvskoke leaders that have passed on.

My late parents taught values of humility, meekness and humbleness and that these values permeated Mvskoke culture with

my late father even saying, “if you get angry, you are not Mvskoke.” (G. Coser, S. Coser, personal communication, 1980). I interpreted his message to mean that Mvskoke values of humility, meekness and humbleness were the essence of who we were as Mvskoke people. Additionally, leaders were described synonymously with love, an element of traditional Mvskoke culture. Similarly, men and women served the community in a humble manner without recognition, without being in front and without seeking attention. My late father further indicated that through your hard work, people will seek you out; you do not have to advertise yourself and that “you work for the people, because you love the people.” (G. Coser, personal communication, 1980).

I believe strong leadership is recognized through exhibitions of traditional Mvskoke values and strong decision-making. I further believe the key elements to strong leadership and strong decision-making is the capacity to maintain inner peace, strength and to keep the community unified. Strength and togetherness in Mvskoke leadership is symbolic through the natural formation of a rock. Likewise, the ability to communicate as a group with strong group dynamics where each member is provided an opportunity to contribute without interruption with consensus resulting from the group discussion.

In summary, Young Bear & Theisz (1994) concluded that leadership is very difficult because you have to take care of yourself, your family and your whole community for a lifetime. Hardwick (1991) further expressed that “leaders represent the very values which shape their tribe, community, or organization—true leaders serve the people.” In brief and as we have seen, that “the old leadership is a different leadership with no prescribed period of time” according to Young Bear & Theisz (1994) with Marshall (1998) concluding on a positive note that the fact remains that Indian cultures are stronger today than they have been in many years.”

References

American Indian Policy Center. (1997). Traditional American Indian leadership: A comparison with U.S. government, 1997. St. Paul, MN: Author.

Hardwick, S. (1991). I serve them—I am their leader. Winds of Change, Spring 1991, 32-37.

Marshall III, J. (1998). The dance house: Stories from Rosebud. Santa Fe, NM: Red Crane Books

Young Bear, S. & Theisz, R.D. (1994). Standing in the light: A Lakota way of seeing. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press.

Yukl, G. (1981). Leadership in organization. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc.

of an accredited college/university of medicine receiving a M.D. or D.O. and must possess a current State of Oklahoma license to practice medicine, a DEA license. Medicare provider agreement, and ACLS certification. One (1) year of relevant experience in addition to experience gained through an accredited residency program or three (3) years of relevant experience without certification from an accredited residency program as stated in the educational requirements. Incumbent must possess current State of Oklahoma License to practice medicine and/or be able to obtain this license prior to employment with the Health System.

NURSE PRACTITIONER - (FLOAT STATUS)

Successful completion of an accredited course of study specifically designed for training professional Mid-Level Providers. Three (3) years of relevant experience. Course of study or program completed by the incumbent must be approved by a nationally recognized professional medical body such as the AMA, AAMC or other body established for this purpose.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT - (2 POSITIONS)

Successful completion of an accredited course of study specifically designed for training professional Mid-Level Providers. One (1) year of relevant experience preferred. Course of study or program completed by the incumbent must be approved by a nationally recognized professional medical body such as the AMA, AAMC or other body established for this purpose.

MEDICAL LAB TECHNICIAN - OKEMAH

High School Diploma or GED equivalent is required. Successful completion of 60 semester hours of academic credit necessary to satisfy requirements of the position as well as a structured curriculum in Medical Laboratory Techniques at an accredited institution is preferred. Two (2) years

Letters

Continued From Page B5

I thank God for West Eufaula Church and other Creek Nation churches and their ministers who affected my life. I thank God for the churches and ministers of tribes I lived among for years: The Otoes, Poncas, Pawnees, Tonkawas, Kaws, and Iowas, and the leaders and members of the Native American Church also. God bless them all for their ministry in my life.

God bless the Muscogee Nation, that I was privileged by Him to be born into 80 years ago.

Thanks for listening.

Mrs. Mary Lou (Billings) Black
Albuquerque, N.M.

Meth

Continued From Page A3

“Methamphetamine is killing our people and devastating our communities.” said Garcia. “It is our collective responsibility to put forth a collaborative effort to curb the use of this drug by increasing law enforcement on tribal lands, marshaling resources to address the health and social service needs of our people plagued by the drug problem and educating our young people on the deadly ramifications of its use.”

“According to a report by the Denver Post, from 2003-2004 - the year characterized by the highest documented increase in crystal methamphetamine (meth) use - criminal charges for drug possession increased 353 percent, assaults tripled, theft nearly doubled, and child abuse increased by 85 percent on the Wind River Indian Reservation. Similar reports are cropping up from reservations nationwide. Farther south, the Navajo Nation has experienced more than 100 percent increase in meth use on the reservation in the past five years. Recent data from the Indian Health Service estimate that 30 percent of American Indian youth have experimented with methamphetamines.”

San Carlos Apache Chairwoman Kathleen Kitcheyan shared her own tribe's experience with meth use. “There have been 120 suicide attempts and 84 actual suicides in my tribe alone since 2002,” said Kitcheyan. Some of these were directly related to the abuse of meth. Last year, 2005, in my tribe, 63 babies were born addicted to crystal meth. This has to change.”

National Congress of American Indians call for Action on the Methamphetamine and Drug Trafficking in Indian County. Call for Tribal Leaders to Form Reservation Initiatives on Methamphetamine and Drug Enforcement and Prevention. Call for a White House Initiative for Interagency Cooperation to Address Methamphetamine and Drug Enforcement and Prevention in Indian Country.

of relevant full-time Laboratory experience performing highly complex testing as a Technician Trainee may be substituted for the educational requirements. Certification as a MLT through the ASCP is preferred.

CODING SPECIALIST

High School Diploma or GED equivalent is required. A bachelors or Associates Degree in Health Administration or Technology is preferred. Three (3) to five (5) years relevant experience dependent upon the education qualifications stated above. Certification as a CPC or CCS-P is required. Certification from an accredited coding certification program is required.

Public Health Nurse (1 Positions) Coweta

Incumbent must be a graduate of an accredited professional school of nursing. Two (2) years of relevant experience in the field of Public Health. Incumbent is required to possess current licensure by the State of Oklahoma for Registered Nursing. BSN is preferred.

IT. SITE MANAGER - COWETA

Associate's Degree in Computer Science, Information Technology or related field is preferred. High School Diploma or GED equivalent is required. One (1) year of work experience in computer science, information technology or related field. A combination of education and relevant work experience may be considered in lieu for the above education qualification preferences. Incumbent must be insurable and valid Oklahoma Driver's License is required.

CHS TECHNICIAN - COWETA (REVISED)

High School Diploma or GED equivalency is required. One (1) year relevant experience in a medical billing or related field. Incumbent must possess a valid

Oklahoma State Driver's License and be insurable.

CODING SPECIALIST (3 POSITIONS) - COWETA

High School Diploma or GED equivalent is required. A Bachelors or Associates Degree in Health Information Administration or Technology is preferred. Three (3) to five (5) years relevant experience dependent upon the education qualifications stated above. Certification as a CPC, is required. Certification from an accredited coding certification program is required. Incumbent must possess a valid Oklahoma State Driver's License and be insurable.

BILLING TECHNICIAN (2 POSITIONS) - COWETA

Associate Degree in accounting or a related business field is preferred. One (1) year of relevant experience is required with an Associates Degree. Four (4) years of relevant experience may be substituted for the educational requirements stated above.

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

GS-8, \$14.83 per hour: Associate Degree in Business or Health Administration or related field is and completion of formal coding training (CPC or CCS-P is preferred) and three (3) years of progressively responsible experience in medical/hospital billing.GS-10, \$17.89: Bachelors degree in Business or Health Administration or related field and two (2) years of relevant experience.GS-12, \$21.06: M.B.A., M.P.H. or C.P.A. and one (1) year of relevant work experience. Compliance experience is strongly preferred for any of the above levels. Valid Oklahoma Driver's License is required.

AUDIOLOGIST - COWETA

Masters Degree doctoral (Ph.D.) or equivalent in Audiology received from an accredited College or University. One (1) year

of relevant experience in addition to experience gained through an accredited Audiologist clinical practicum. Certification of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A) issued through the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) and current State of Oklahoma Licensure for Audiologists is required.

MEDICAL RECORDS CLERK - SAPULPA

High School Diploma or GED equivalency is required. One (1) year relevant experience is preferred.

BILLING TECHNICIAN - LACKEY HALL

Associate Degree in accounting or a related business field is preferred. One (1) year of relevant experience is required with an Associates Degree. Four (4) years of relevant experience may be substituted for the educational requirements stated above.

OFFICE MANAGER - COWETA

High School Diploma or GED equivalent is required. Associates Degree in Business Administration, Medical Office Technology or related field of study is preferred. A minimum of one (1) year related experience.

PROCUREMENT CLERK LACKEY HALL

High School Diploma or GED equivalent is required. Associates Degree in related field of study is preferred. One (1) year experience in same or related field. Additional related experience may be substituted for education requirement.

REGISTERED NURSE - CNCH

Incumbent must be a graduate of an accredited professional school of nursing. One (1) of relevant experience required. Incumbent must possess a current State of Oklahoma Nursing license.

For more information, visit the website at: www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov/health%administration/jobs.htm or call (918)756-4333 or (800)782-8291.

Decisions

Continued From Page A3

that you can own enough land for things like a home site, pasture area, or commercial development.

WHAT EVERY ALLOTEE SHOULD KNOW:

- CHECKLIST:
1. Ancestor Roll Number - All tribes listed of 5 Civilized Tribes - Copy of applications (A) All heirs located and identified
 2. Legal Description of allotment
 3. Tract record book number and page number - find location at county courthouse where land is located.
 4. Cemetery Identification
 5. Probate number or determination of heir ship

6. Leases, grants of rights-of-way, easements
 - (a) BIA lease number
 - (b) IIM account number
 - (c) Name of lessee - (Oil Company, grazing, etc.)
 7. Problem areas -
 - (a)) Environmental
 - (b) Clean water, potable water
 - (d) Spacing and pooling orders for O&G
 - (e) Unapproved orders, leases, rights of way
 - (f) Drainage of minerals
 8. Illegal sales -
 - (a) Lack of notice
 - (b) Incomplete probate
 - (c) Oil and gas lease problems
 - (d) Correct blood quantum not used
 - (e) Tax sales
- All of this information was compiled by the OILMAN

(Oklahoma Indian Land Management Association Network) checklist for restricted property landowners.

The goal is to assist every Indian citizen of Muscogee Creek Nation in collecting important documents in managing their restricted minerals and surface property. These documents once assembled can assist landowners' efforts to get land probated, addresses, fractionated issues, and to correct improper probate. The association hopes to hold training by the end of the summer.

For more information, you may contact Okfuskee District Representative Bill Fife, Muscogee (Creek) National Council or Marcella Giles @ (703) 827-0225, 926 Ridge Drive, Mclean, Virginia 22101.

Session

Continued From Page A3

NCA 06-039 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING A TITLE IV-B SUBPART 2 (“PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES”) FISCAL YEAR 2005 GRANT MATCH FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE - Sponsor: Cherrah Ridge-Quiett (\$1,716.00)

(REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS YAHOLA WAS OUT OF SEAT AT TIME OF CASTING OF VOTE.)

- APPROVED (24-0-0), NCA 06-040 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OKMULGEE AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - Sponsor: Anthony Notaro; Co-Sponsor: Roger Barnett (\$5,000.00);
- APPROVED (24-0-0), NCA 06-041 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE TRIBAL WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR A COLLEGE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM Sponsor: Johnnie Greene (\$158,880.00);
- APPROVED AS AMENDED (22-0-2), NCA 06-042 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT FIVE (5) POLITICAL CANDIDATES WHO WILL ADVOCATE FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA POLITICAL ARENA - Sponsor: George Tiger (\$22,000.00),

ABSTAIN WERE: EDDIE IAGRONE, MUSKOGEE DISTRICT AND RON CLEGHORN, TULSA DISTRICT;

- APPROVED AS AMENDED (24-0-0), NCA 06-043 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET MODIFICATION IN EXCESS OF 10% FOR THE REALTY DEPARTMENT - Sponsor: Larry Bible;

- APPROVED AS AMENDED (24-0-0), NCA 06-044 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO RYAL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR MAINTENANCE REPAIRS AND IMPROVED FACILITIES - Sponsor: Keeper Johnson; Co-Sponsor: James Jennings (\$41,000.00);
- APPROVED AS AMENDED (24-0-0), NCA 06-045 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A YOUTH COORDINATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR AN ANNUAL SALARY - Sponsor: James Jennings (\$38,165.45);
- APPROVED (21-3-0), NCA 06-046 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 02-051, AS AMENDED BY NCA 02-073, TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AMOUNT FOR THE ANNUAL MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION FESTIVAL - Sponsor: Pete Beaver; Co-Sponsor(s): S. Caldwell; S. Ade (\$240,000.00);

VOTING NO WAS: BILL FIFE, OKFUSKEE DISTRICT; JEFF FIFE, OKMULGEE DISTRICT; AND THOMAS YAHOLA, TUKVPTVTEC;

- APPROVED (24-0-0), NCA 06-047 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF SERVICES OF ALL TYPES OF DISASTERS AND OR EMERGENCIES IN OKMULGEE, ROGERS, MAYES, WAGONER, MUSKOGEE, OKFUSKEE, SEMINOLE, HUGHES AND MCINTOSH COUNTIES THAT INCLUDES THE SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS - Sponsor: Pete Beaver; Co-Sponsor: Johnnie Greene (\$50,000.00);
- APPROVED AS AMENDED (19-4-1), NCA 06-048 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE

(CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ONE-MILE WALKING TRAIL ON THE COMPLEX OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO HELP PROMOTE GOOD HEALTH AND HELP TO PREVENT DIABETES AND OTHER DISEASES - Sponsor: Pete Beaver; Co-Sponsor(s): J. Greene; S. Ade (\$130,000.00);

VOTING NO WERE: LENA WIND, OKFUSKEE DISTRICT; JEFF FIFE, OKMULGEE DISTRICT; RON CLEGHORN, TULSA DISTRICT AND PAULA WILLITS, TULSA DISTRICT;

ABSTAIN WERE: ROBERT JONES, OKMULGEE DISTRICT;

- APPROVED (20-4-0) NCA 06-050, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND RECREATION FOR CODIFICATION IN TITLE 16, “EXECUTIVE BRANCH,” OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION, AND APPROPRIATING START-UP FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT - Sponsor: George Tiger (\$300,000.00);

VOTING NO WERE: DUKE HARJO, CREEK DISTRICT; BILL FIFE, OKFUSKEE DISTRICT; KEEPER JOHNSON, OKULGEE DISTRICT AND JEFF FIFE, OKMULGEE DISTRICT;

- APPROVED (24-0-0) NCA 06-054, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET - Sponsor: Sam Alexander (\$71,684.00);
- APPROVED (24-0-0) NCA 06-055, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 - Sponsor: Lena Wind; Co-Sponsor: Travis Scott (\$242,598.00).

BIRTHDAYS

Jonathan Ross Deerinwater



MANNFORD - Jonathan Ross Deerinwater turned seven on May 5. He celebrated on May 6 with a “Spiderman theme”. Family and friends were in attendance to help him celebrate. They were served cake, ice cream, punch, popcorn, watched movies and a chance at the piñata.

He is the son of Eyahni Sanders of Mannford and Eric Sanders of Clewiston; FL. Jonathon is the grandson of Alex and Pat Deerinwater of Bristow.

William Blake Thompson Postoak-Briggs



TULSA - Blake will celebrate his first birthday on June 7th. He will celebrate his first birthday with the “Spiderman theme”

He is the son of Brigitte Postoak and Jimmy Briggs. Maternal grandparents are the late Amos Postoak and Marion and Leon Graves.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Adams completes law school

MADISON, WI - Andrew Adams III graduated from the University of Wisconsin law school on May 12, 2006.

Adams grew up in Detroit, Michigan and received a BA in 1996 and MA in 1999, both from University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. After working for the University of Michigan’s Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives for a number of years. He decided to attend law school in 2003. Andrew completed his first year of law school at the University of Tulsa College of Law, where he worked as a summer clerk for the Boesche Legal Clinic Muscogee Nation Indian Law Project. After his first year at the University of Tulsa, Adams, transferred to the University of Wisconsin Law School in 2004



Andrew Adams III

to complete the last two years. In 2005-06, Adams served as treasurer for the National Native American Law Students Association and as Vice President of the University of Wisconsin Indigenous Law Students Association.

He is the son of the late Andrew Adams Jr. of Beggs. His great great grandfather was Thomas J. Adams of Beggs, a past Muscogee Nation Supreme Court Justice and Speaker of the House of Warriors.

Andrew III is a member of Tallahassee Wykokaye ceremonial grounds and of the wind clan.

Andrew Adams III has recently accepted a position as a tribal attorney for the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin in Hertel, WI.

Corey Pickup Jr. & LaDonna Pickup

SALINA - Corey A Pickup Jr. and LaDonna Pickup graduated from the 8th grade on May 9th from Salina High School.

The same day their little brother Thomas “Little Red” received a student of the month certificate for April.

The Pickups are the children of Corey Pickup Sr. of Salina and Donna Bear of Okmulgee.

Grandparents are Betty and Louise James of Salina and Webster and the late Martha Chalakee of Okmulgee.

Those attending from out of town were their mother Donna,

aunt Margie and cousin Gina Vega.



LaDonna, Thomas & Corey Pickup

Tae Deerinwater

TAHLEQUAH - Tae Deerinwater a sophomore at Sequoyah High School was inducted into the National Honor Society along with 58 other S.H.S. students. She also received an Academic Award for Yearbook.

Sequoyah High School had a National Honor Society and

Academic Awards Banquet April 25, 2006 to honor the students.

Tae was also named on the Freshmen Honor Society her 9th grade year. Tae has a GPA of 3.8.

Tae is the daughter of Eyahni Sanders of Mannford and the granddaughter of Alex and Pat Deerinwater of Bristow.



Tae Deerinwater

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE SENIOR AND COLLEGE GRADUATES



John Tyndall Jr.

John B. Tyndall Jr.

School: Southwestern Community College - Sylva, NC
Clan: Bear
Tribal Town: Muskogee
Parents: John B. Tyndall Sr. and Mary Ann Morgan
Grandparents: William F. Tyndall Sr. and Grace Ellen Moore

Awards: Outstanding Academic Achievement with honors during the 2005-2006 academic years, Graduated Summa Cum Laude on May 10, 2006 with an Associate in Applied Science in Computer Information Systems with a major in Network Administration and Support
Activities: National Technical Honor Society
Plans: Enrollment at East Carolina University to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology with a major in Business Administration



Cody Factor

Cody Factor

School: Butner High
Parents: Ladena Moore and Luther Factor
Grandparents: Elizabeth

Dovis and Joseph Factor
Great Grandmother: Ada Scott
Aunt: Pat Factor
Activities: TSA President, Basketball, FFA
Plans: Work; Pursue a career in Criminal Justice



Lee Allen Longhorn

Lee Allen Longhorn

Clan: Eco (Deer)
School: Bixby High School
Tribal Town: Ocevpcfv (Hickory Ground)
Awards: Eastern District Honor Band, Bixby High School Wind Ensemble, Bixby Optimist Club Leadership Award, Oklahoma American Indian Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award, Bixby High School Jazz Band - Tenor Sax, All District Superior rating for a Solo on Alto Sax
Activities: Eight Years in Band, Tri-M Music Honor Society and Indian Heritage Club President
Parents: Alvin and Patsy Bucktro
Grandparents: Maternal grandmother the Late Clarabell McClelland of Claremore; Paternal Liza Harjo of Konawa and Wayne Longhorn of Little Axe and the late Lucille Blanchard Longhorn of Little Axe

Laura Anne Wilson

Degree/School: M.S. Kinesiology from the University of Arkansas
Clan: Raccoon
Tribal Town: Tukvpytce
Parents: Al and Sandy Wilson, Morris
Grandparents: the late James and Carmen Fife and the late Alvie and Ruth Wilson
Awards: Benjamin Lever



Laura Anne Wilson

Minority Scholarship; certification: National Athletic Trainer’s Association Board of Certification

Activities: National Athletic Trainers’ Association, Arkansas Athletics Trainers’ Association; Razorback Athletic Trainers’ Association, Athletic training student for UA Razorback football, baseball, cross country track/field, lady back tennis and Bentonville High School

Plans: To obtain a certified athletic trainer position at the high school or university setting



Christina M. Good Voice

Christina M. Good Voice

Degree/School: Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication from the University of Oklahoma
Parents: Kenneth II and Deborah Good Voice of Glenpool
Grandparents: Sally and the late Kenneth Good Voice of Okmulgee, Josh and the late Ramona Harjo of Eufaula
Awards: Native American Journalists Association Scholarship recipient for three years



Left to right: Lisa Jessie, Cynthia Goodrich, Hepsey Gilroy and Wanda Morrison.

Gilroy celebrates 95th birthday

OKMULGEE - Hepsey Gilroy celebrated her 95th birthday with a party given by her children at the East Central Electric building held in the meeting room.

There were approximately 100 friends and relatives in attendance.

Cynthia Goodrich, granddaughter and friend Tom Long flew in from Orlando, FL and Heather Jessie; great granddaughter flew in from San

Francisco, CA. Nephew Jerry Gilroy celebrated her 95th birthday with a party given by her children at the East Central Electric building held in the meeting room.

Granddaughter Lisa Jessie was instrumental in providing the theme color of pink and green with green tablecloth and pink table runners and centerpieces of pink and green potted floral arrangements. The centerpieces were given as prizes. Also,

placed on the tables were miniature picture frames with a picture of Hepsey taken circa 1935 as thank you gifts for attendees.

Corsages were given to all ladies in attendance made by daughter in law Arleta Gilroy.

Great grandson, Joshua Goodrich sang, “Jesus Loves Me” in Choctaw to Hepsey.

Wanda Morrison would like to thank everyone in attendance that made this a joyous event for her mother.

Oklahoma Rural Elementary School State All Tournament Basketball Team

SEMINOLE - Joshua Roberts was selected to the Oklahoma Rural Elementary School (ORES) State All Tournament Basketball team 2006 held at Seminole State College.

Joshua is 14 years old and was an eighth grader at Justice Elementary School at the time selected.

He scored 17 points in the first round against Cleora and 18 points in the second round against Oak Grove. He has played for Justice Elementary since he was in second grade. This was the first appearance for the Justice Boy’s team as a final four team.

The boy’s team has competed in the Konawa tournament plac-



Joshua Roberts

ing second and first place in the Sasakwa tournament.

Roberts is the son of Sharon Yargee of Wetumka and Kendall Roberts.

He is the grandson of Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town -Chief Tarpie Yargee and Amy Yargee. He is the great grandson of Wince Yargee of Holdenville.

Paternal grandparents are Roy Roberts of Okemah and Velma Coker of Seminole. Josh is Euchee, Creek, Seminole, Cherokee, and Alabama tribe of Oklahoma. He is of the deer clan and a member of Sand Creek Euchee Ceremonial ground located in Bristow. He also participates at the Alabama Ceremonial Ground.

Activities: Gamma Delta Pi Native American Sisterhood, American Indian Student Association, Native American Journalists Association Board of Directors, Rainbow Head Start Parent Committee

Plans: professionally, interning for the Associated Press for six months, with hopes of gaining a long-term reporter position with the AP; personally, getting married this fall.



Erik Jon Harjo

Erik Jon Harjo

School: Okemah High School
Clan: Wind
Parents: Ramona and Bobby Harjo
Grandparents: Pat and Simeon Johnson and the late Andrew Wise Talamasey
Activities: playing horseshoes
Plans: keep working



Laura Adrienne Bible

Laura Adrienne Bible

Degree/School: Bachelor of Science Degree in Horticulture/Oklahoma State University
Parents: Dennis and Alexia Bible of Morris

Grandparents: Helen Bible and the late Lewis Bible and Alex and Kathleen Delso all of Dewar

Activities: member and former president Pi Alpha Zeta and an officer of the OSU Horticulture Club

Plans: Currently employed with the Oklahoma State University Teaching Greenhouses



Megan Slayton

Megan Slayton

School: Bishop Kelley High School
Clan: Sweet Potato
Tribal Town: Luchapoka
Parents: John and Jana Rae Slayton
Grandparents: the late Kenneth L. Childers, Sr. and the late Sandra Childers
Awards: listed among Who’s who Among American High School Students; National Honor Roll; National Youth Forum in Science Attendee; received certificate signed by Pres. Bush for Maintaining a 3.5 GPA during her four years of high school; she has accepted to the University of Arkansas, Ohio State University and the University of Oklahoma
Activities: member of the B.K. freshman dance team; varsity football sports medicine trainer, member of the Roman Catholic Church of the Madalene in Tulsa
Plans: attend University of Oklahoma majoring in journalism

Kathalene Suzanne Carden

School: Moore High School
Clan: Wind
Parents: Jeffrey and Beverly Carden



Kathalene Suzanne Carden

Grandparents: Sue Morgan and the late Leland Morgan
Great Grandparents: Willie and Kizzie Compier

Awards: National Honor Society, 6A Fast Pitch, softball state champs, varsity soccer - 4 years, varsity softball - 4 years;

Activities: Art Club - National Honor Society
Plans: Oklahoma City Community College then transfer to University of Oklahoma to major in the health field



Yafke-Kolvswa Marks

Yafke-Kolvswa Marks

School: Northwest Classen High School
Clan: Eco
Parents: Thomasine Wind and Chebon Marks
Grandmother: Josephine Wind
Awards: Miss O.C.M.A. 2006 Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association
Activities: Slow pitch softball, volleyball, Native Knights Club
Plans: Attend Oklahoma City Community College to get my basics then transfer to Haratiage College for Massage Therapy

Creek Athlete Heading to Rockies for Indigenous Games

By Jason Salsman
MNN Sports Reporter

OKEMAH—When more than 10,000 Native athletes begin to file out onto the turf at Invesco Field at Mile High Stadium in Denver for the opening ceremonies of the 2006 Indigenous Games, there will be a wide-eyed Creek athlete from right here in our backyard joining them.

Cameron Fixico, who is from Okemah, has been selected onto Team Oklahoma and will compete in the games' basketball competition. This is certainly a great honor for Cameron, as only 10 boys from the state of Oklahoma were selected to make the trip to Denver. The process was not without suspense, however, as Cameron and his family spent many restless hours awaiting word on the results of the try-outs. The first try-out took place in March, which Cameron made and advanced to a final try-out consisting of 15 boys with five final cuts to be made. His whole life had been spent with a basketball in his hand, so the results of this try-out



Cameron Fixico

weighed heavily on Cameron's mind. That was, until, he received a letter in the mail a little over a week later that simply said "Congratulations, Welcome to Team Oklahoma." In Cameron's estimation the outcome was never in his own hands. "I looked at it as, if God wants me to make the team, I'll make the team," he said. The North American

Indigenous Games started as a vision in 1977 that became a reality 13 years later when the First Annual Indigenous games were held in Edmonton,

“Congratulations, Welcome to Team Oklahoma”

Alberta, Canada. Since then the games have been held in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, Canada. There was a lone U.S. stop in Blaine, Minnesota in 1995 but now the games have come back to the states and will kick off from Colorado's Mile High City on July 2. In addition to competition in more than 16 sports for youth ages 13-19 and adults ages 20 and over there is also a Cultural Village, where various Native cultures are shared and showcased, that runs through the course of the games and is a highlight for everyone in attendance. The games will conclude with the closing ceremonies on July 9.



Thunder Takes Second at Kellyville Tourney

The Okmulgee Native Thunder, a first year 10 and under fast-pitch softball team, traveled to Kellyville recently and took second place out of twelve teams in an all-day tournament. The girls definitely needed stamina and perserverance throughout the day as they played seven back-to-back games the first game at 9:00 a.m. and their last at 10:00 p.m.

They dropped their first game of the tournament to the Henryetta Impact 5-0 before

racking off five consecutive wins. In that span, they took down the Diamond Divas 7-0, the Sand Springs Dirt Divas 5-1, Bristow Dreamers 6-1, Henryetta Dynamites 3-2 and the Depew Stars 2-0. That five game stretch carried them all the way to the championship game where they would have a chance at revenge on the Henryetta Impact. The game was closer than the first, but the Impact claimed the victory and the title 3-1 with the Thunder claiming second over-

all.

The Native Thunder were paced throughout the tournament by the strong pitching performances of MiKayla Waggnor and Haley VanStraten. VanStraten had one perfect game and another only giving up one hit. The Thunder was no slouch offensively either piling up nine home runs on the day. The Native Thunder are coached by Daniel Factor, Ellie Factor and Lisa Dunn.

Hot Corner

by Jason Salsman

Well, folks the month of June is upon us. That means the ushering in of the summer season, baseball in full swing and the 32nd Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival. You know, it also means a birthday for yours truly at the end of the month. Now, in lieu of gifts money contributions can be made in my name to the Creek Nation Communications Department. If nobody jumps on that opportunity, hey, it was worth a shot!

If you decide not to, don't worry it is not going to dim my spirits. Life is good right now. The Oklahoma Sooners baseball team recently concluded their 2006 regular season. Now, I know a lot of you out there are so preoccupied with OU football (even though it is another three months before kickoff) that you might not have noticed it, but this OU baseball team has quietly put together one of their finest campaigns under first-year gen-

eral Sunny Golloway. While you were busy this spring following the practice gridiron, all the baseball team did was go out and win 40 games, matching their highest win total since the 1994 team who went on to nab the College World Series Championship. Thats no small feat when you consider some of the college baseball juggernauts that they mowed down on their way to that record. Long Beach State, Cal-State Fullerton, Rice, Notre Dame, Arizona State, all highly ranked, all fell to the Sooners this year. The most satisfying fact is that the Sooners are being rewarded for their success by hosting an NCAA regional at L. Dale Mitchell Park in Norman for the first time ever, kicking off the road to Omaha and the College World Series. Great job by the Sooners, maybe now people will go out and watch them!

It's a nice positive note after the last few weeks for the team. The whole incident with

Oklahoma State's Pistol Pete celebrating on Oklahoma's dugout after a series sweep was blown out of proportion and was bad for the two teams. The mascot had no business on the dugout. there's really no room for trash talk in baseball never has been, never will be. But, the Sooners handled it the wrong way. They should have turned the cheek and made OSU look like complete idiots, but instead they chose to retaliate and made both schools look bad. It's easier said than done to walk away from something like that, but if they had it to do all over again I just bet they would. Besides, there are other ways to handle something like that. For instance, I believe the proper retaliation would be to send one up and in on the lead-off man for OSU the next time the two teams played. It might sound a bit uncalled for, but anybody who has ever spent serious time in a dugout knows, that's how issues are settled on the diamond. Until next time . . .

Women

Continued From Page B3

University, Greenville, South Carolina.

In New England, a dramatization will feature the women preachers who served the area before 1956, and it will highlight the 1956 General Conference and the four women from Maine, known as the 4-Hs, who were received on trial in 1956. A "Timeline for Women Preachers in New England" has also been posted on the conference Web site.

The Troy Conference will show a series of brief vignettes during its four-day meeting. The conference theme "Take Nothing for the Journey" has been woven into the videos, which feature different women in the history of the clergy rights struggle.

Communications Director Sandra Brands said the Troy Conference also will have re-enactors portray Margaret Appleton Pickett, the mother of Methodism in the area; Phoebe Palmer, a holiness evangelist; Barbara Heck, the mother of Methodism in the New World; and Georgia Harkness, a teacher and theologian. A "walk-

through" museum exhibit will be another highlight.

Encouraging all God's people The Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference will feature a video on the living history of women in ministry. The conference is also creating a new endowment for a clergywomen's scholarship to be awarded to a woman in her final year of seminary.

The Rev. Heather Murray Elkins, an associate professor of worship and liturgical studies at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, created a new version of a service used at a 2005 gathering of the planners of the International Clergywomen's Consultation. "A Service of Holy Communion for the Fiftieth Anniversary of Full Clergy Rights for Women" is available for use by congregations, annual conference and other church groups at www.gbod.org/worship/default.asp.

The Rev. HiRho Park, a staff member of the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry, said she expects the celebrations occur-

ring across the church to not only lift up clergywomen's gifts but also "encourage all God's people in the work Christ has for us to do."

Said Park: "The cause of Christ and the mission of the church have been strengthened and blessed by the contributions of clergywomen throughout our long history."

Details on how other annual conferences are celebrating are available at www.gbhem.org/clergy-women/50thcelebration.asp.

Don't Forget the Muscogee Creek Nation Festival July 15-18, 2006. Get all the Details In Section C of This Issue.

Voters

Continued From Page B1

Benton, Lillian Y.
Berg (Barnett), Cindy
Berryhill, Aaron D.
Berryhill, Adrian L.
Berryhill, Billy E.
Berryhill, Brett W.
Berryhill, Charles R.
Berryhill, Emma
Berryhill JR., Garry E.
Berryhill, Harold J.
Berryhill, Jerry D.
Berryhill, Larry M.
Berryhill, Loren W.
Berryhill, Mark D.
Berryhill, Michael D.
Berryhill, Peggy J.
Berryhill, Richard A.
Berryhill, Shirley A.
Berryhill, Walter S.
Berryhill, Woodrow
Beshear, David W.
Best, John H.
Bethel, Pearla M.
Bettis (Hilton), Mildred
Bevenue, Joseph K.
Bevenue, Melissa M.
Bible, Matthew C.

Biermann, Mary L.
Bigler, Michael D.
Billen, Charles I.
Billhimer, Carolyn
Billie, Remona L.
Billings, Robert W.
Billy, Franklin T.
Bingham, Tammy L.
Bird, James E.
Birdcreek, Cravens
Birdcreek, Donna S.
Black, Carolyn R.
Blackwell, Douglas A.
Blackwell (Pegg), Janie
Bialock, Richard A.
Blankenship, Dempsey
Blankenship, Donald D.
Blankenship, Linda L.
Blankenship, Ricky W.
Block, Margaret C.
Boerstler, Darrell L.
Boneau, Kathryn J.

Bonner, Gary
Bonner, Ronald S.
Bonner JR., Sterling
Booth, Larry J.
Booth, Sara J.
Border, Peggy P.
Bosin, Sandra L.
Bouchie, Kristy L.
Boujaoude, Margaret
Bowen, Leslie D.
Bowers, Donna E.
Boyle, Barbara
Bradford, Lillie
Bradshaw, Valerie A.
Bradwell, Kristie A.
Brady, Mary A.
Brandon, Barry W.
Brasuell, Perry C.
Brasuell, Stephen J.

Continued In Next Issue
JULY 2006

32nd Annual Creek Nation Festival Sports Events

Slow-pitch Softball
Dates: June 9 and 10
Where: Claude Cox Omnplex
Junior Rodeo
Dates: June 9 and 10
Where: Omniplex Arena
Youth Olympics
Dates: June 16
Where: Harmon Stadium
3 on 3 Basketball
Dates: June 16
Where: Claude Cox Omniplex
Fast-pitch Softball
Dates: June 16-18
Where: Claude Cox Omniplex
Golf Tournament
Dates: June 16-18
Where: Fountainhead Golf Course, Eufaula
All-Indian Rodeo
Dates: June 16 and 17
Where: Omniplex Arena

You're At Home

With BOk's Native American Home Financing Program.

- Low Down Payment
- No Monthly Mortgage Insurance
- For New Construction or Purchase of an Existing Home
- Additional Tribal Assistance may be available

Ask us today for program details.

BOK Mortgage

215 State St., Muskogee
(918) 686-5959 • (800) 947-2655

Equal Housing Lender • www.bok.com

FIRST NATIONS RX TAKES OKLAHOMA MEDICAID

ARE YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TOO COSTLY?

THE FIRST NATIONS RX DISCOUNT MAIL ORDER PHARMACY

IS NOW AVAILABLE HERE.

WE CARRY ALL DRUGS AT DISCOUNTED PRICES. ONLY REGISTERED PHARMACISTS

FILL YOUR PRESCRIPTIONCALL 1-866-827-0456 TO FIND OUT HOW TO ORDER

OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.FIRSTNATIONSRX.COM WE CAN SAVE YOU 20% TO 40% OVER RETAIL DRUG STORE PRICES.

MUSCOGEE NATION



FESTIVAL 2006

PRESERVING OUR CULTURE IN A CHANGING WORLD





June 2 & 3 Scholarship Pageant

The festival will kick off with the Miss and Jr. Miss Mvskoke Scholarship Pageant on June 2 at 7 p.m., followed by the Little Miss and Sr. Miss Mvskoke on June 3 starting at 10 a.m. Both pageants will be held at the Henryetta High School Auditorium.

On June 10, the newly crowned Mvskoke Royalty will make their first appearance at a reception held at the Creek Council House Museum beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, contact KoKo Lowe at (918) 732-7649.

June 9 & 10 Slow pitch Softball

Another fun event of the festival is the Men's, Women's and Co-ed Slow Pitch Softball tournament. This year's tournaments will have their own special weekend. Action starts on Friday, June 9 at 7 p.m. at the Claude Cox Omnplex and will continue on Saturday, June 10 beginning at 8 a.m.

All participants must be from a federally recognized tribe. Balls will be provided. Prizes will be awarded for the top four teams, MVP awards, all tournament team, and Golden glove award. For further information contact Mallory Bible at (918) 732-7639 or Sheila Buckley at (918) 732-7933.



June 9 & 10 Junior Rodeo

Some of the youngest and best cowboys and cowgirls around are Native American and this year's festival showcases the youth as the Creek Festival hosts the Jr. Rodeo, in conjunction with the Northeast Youth Rodeo Association (NYRA), in the Omnplex. Events begin at 6 p.m. For more information contact Barry Branson at (918) 267-3182.

June 15 Stomp Dance

To open the full weekend of the 32nd Annual Creek Nation Festival, a Stomp Dance exhibition will be held on the grounds of the Claude Cox Omnplex, in front of the main stage.

Fellowship will begin at 6 p.m., and dancing will continue until 12 a.m. Everyone is invited. For more information contact David Proctor at (918) 756-8504.



June 15-17 Koweta Clinic Grand Opening

Koweta Health Clinic will have their grand opening Thursday, June 15 in Coweta, OK at 10 a.m. Tribal transit buses will be available for transportation to this event.

The Koweta Health Clinic will be having an open house on Friday and Saturday, June 16 & 17 and everyone is welcome to come by and tour the new facility.

June 16 Youth Olympics

Indian athletes begin at early age and the Junior Olympics give each one a chance to show their athletic ability. The Junior Olympics will take place at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 16 at Harmon Stadium in Okmulgee.

Competition events at the Olympics include: ages 6-7, 30-meter dash, 50-meter dash, 400-meter relay, and softball throw; ages 8-9, 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter relay, and softball throw; ages 10-11, 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter relay, and hoop shoot; ages 12-13, 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 400-meter relay, hoop shoot, and long jump; ages 14-15, 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 400-meter relay, 1 mile run, hoop shoot, and long jump. For more information, contact Tanya Bardin or Dawn Edwards at (918) 732-7869.



June 16 Elderly Activities

Muscogee people never forget their elders, and that's no different during the Creek Festival, there's several special events planned just for them. Friday morning, June 16, behind the Housing building, starting at 9 a.m. there will be a quilt show contest with first place receiving \$200, second place receiving \$150, and third place receiving \$100. There will be a jacks contest with sign up starting at 9 a.m. Prizes will be:

first, \$50; second, \$30 and third, \$20. A horseshoes doubles tournament will be played, with registration at 9 a.m. First place will receive \$200, second place will receive \$100, and third place will receive \$50. There will be 18 games of bingo and door prizes. However, a citizenship card is required to claim prizes.



Arts and Crafts welcomed, with set up starting at 8 a.m. and must bring your own tables and chairs.

Principal Chief A.D. Ellis and Speaker of the National Council will be on hand to honor the original allottees starting at 1:30 p.m. For more information please call Donna Martin at (918) 732-7962.

June 16 Youth Basketball

The youth 3 on 3 basketball will be held Friday night on June 16th at the Claude Cox Omnplex starting at 5 p.m. The entry fee is \$40 and the deadline to enter is June 3rd. The divisions will be 8 - 10 co-



ed, 11 - 14 girls and 11 - 14 boys, and 15 - 18 girls and 15 - 18 boys.

Prizes will be sweatshirts for 1st place, t-shirts for 2nd and 3rd place, and hoodies for the MVP of each division. For more information please contact Celesta Johnson at (800) 219-9458.

June 16 - 18



Fast pitch Softball (Men & Women)

Always an exciting sporting event of the festival is the Men and Women's Fast Pitch Softball Tournament. Teams from all over the country will compete. This year's action will start on Friday, June 16 at the Claude Cox Omnplex and the fast pitches will keep on going through Sunday when the top two teams left standing will battle it out to call themselves the "2006 Creek Nation Festival Champions!" The first pitch is thrown at 6 p.m. on Friday, with Saturday and Sunday's action starting at 8 a.m. and continuing throughout the day at the Claude Cox Omnplex.

Deadline to enter this prestigious tournament is June 2. To find out more about each tournament and receive an entry form contact Dean Williams at (918) 732-7790 or Phil Booker at (918) 732-7694.



June 16-18 Golf

Golfers have a busy festival weekend ahead of them. There is a scramble on June 16 at Fountainhead Golf Course in Eufaula and costs \$50 to enter. Registration ends promptly at 11:30 a.m. and the scramble begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 17, is the qualifying round for the tournament, during which players schedule their own tee time. The tournament starts on June 18, and the top 3 placers in each flight are the winners. Registration for the tournament is open through Saturday and the tournament is Native American only. For more information, contact Bert Robinson at (918) 689-2547.

June 16 & 17 Gospel Singing

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Gospel Singing will kick off at 7 p.m. on June 16 at the OSU Extension Building. This year's event promises to bring forth that "old time religion" feel with some great southern gospel and contemporary singing that will be entertaining as well as inspirational. Performers tabbed for the event include: The Shipley Family, Felicia Eller, Oscar Higgs, The Kingdom Messengers and LeAnna Grissom. Don't forget to attend this time of refreshing for the



soul. You can experience great fellowship and uplifting music in the same setting. For more information on the Gospel Singing contact Geebon Gouge at (918) 732-7711.

June 16 & 17 Rodeo

The 32nd Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation All-Indian Rodeo takes place on June 16 and 17 beginning at 7 p.m. nightly at the Rodeo Arena, located at Highway 75 & Loop 56 behind the Travel Plaza. This year's event promises to include the excitement and entertainment that Festival rodeo fans have grown accustomed to. Entry fees will be accepted both nights at 5:30



p.m. Entry fees are \$75 for all events (Team roping \$75 per man and Junior events \$20 entry fee). Call-ins will be taken June 12 from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. The phone number is (580) 924-8112. Non-association members must purchase a \$15 permit. You must provide tribal enrollment card at time of



entry. There will be a \$10 stock charge, stock provided by Western Ways Rodeo Co. For more Rodeo information, call (918) 732-7650.

June 16 & 17 Concerts

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Concerts are one of the most anticipated events of the year and this year's entertainment is certain to not disappoint in that regard. Entertainers from many different backgrounds and styles will grace the big stage over the course of two days providing electrifying performances for those in attendance. All concerts will be performed on the main stage at the Claude Cox Omnplex.

Friday, June 16 entertainment will be: Charlie Redd and The Full Flava Kings, 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.; The Boogie Boys, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. and Irene Bedard and Deni Band, 8:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. The show closes out on Friday with headliners Lou Gramm & Foreigner from 10:30 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Saturday, June 17, line up includes: Irene Bedard and Deni Band, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.; Second Chief Alfred Berryhill "Warm Welcome" Scholarship, 4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Living Legends Ceremony, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Chief Ellis "State of the Nation" Address, 5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Mary Cogan, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Rhett Akins, 8:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. and Bryan White, 10:30 p.m. - 12 p.m.

June 16 & 17 Hymn Singing

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival will be hosting the 3rd Annual Creek Hymn Singing on the campus of OSU-Okmulgee at Covelle Hall on June 16 and 17 lasting from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. on both days. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center on both days. Shuttles to Covelle Hall from the Okmulgee Indian Community Center will be provided and will begin at noon. They will pick up and drop off every hour after departure. This event is a great chance to get in touch with the traditional singing of Creek people and witness one of the dearest facets of the Muscogee culture.



June 17 Horseshoes

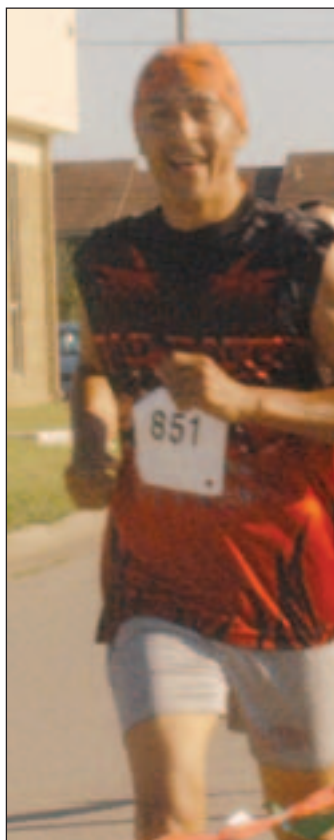
The Horseshoe event this year will be held June 17, starting at 8 a.m. There will be a singles event and a doubles event. Each has a \$15.00 entry fee. Cash prizes to first, second, and third place, and for most ringers in one game (for singles only).

Players need to bring their



June 17 5k Walk/Run

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation 5k Walk/Run will take place on June 17 at Highway 75 and Loop 56 on the Muscogee Nation Complex. Runners and walkers are to



report at 8 a.m. An entry fee of \$15 will be taken up to June 16. The entry fee will be \$20 on Race Day (includes T-shirt). Entry fee without T-shirt will be \$10. Limited number of shirts available. Trophies awarded to Overall Male and Female. Medals to top three finishers in each group. Age groups beginning 12 and under up to 70 and over. Ribbons to first three overall male and female walkers. This event is coordinated by Glen's Racing Service. For more information contact Lila Garrett at (918) 732-7869 or Melinda Taylor at (918) 732-7727. Register by mail: Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival 5k Run/Walk, Attn: Lila Garrett, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.



June 17 Pow-wow

The Creek Nation's Festival's Pow-wow will be held on Saturday, June 17 at the OSU-Okmulgee Softball Field. The Gourd Dance will begin at 2 p.m., supper and registration will be at 5 p.m. A gourd dance will be at 6:30 p.m. Registration closes at 7:30 p.m. and the grand entry, social contests and dancing all begins at 8 p.m.

There are several contests including: Tiny Tots, Junior Boys; Junior Girls; Women's Cloth; Women's Buckskin; Women's Jingle; Women's Fancy Shawl; Men's Straight; Men's Fancy; Men's Grass; Men's Traditional; Golden Age Men (55+); Golden Age Women (55+); Drum Contests (Wireless Microphone will be provided).

For more information, contact Melinda Taylor and Pete Coser at (918) 732-7727.



June 17 Parade

The Second Annual Creek Nation Parade will be held in downtown Okmulgee. Parade entries must be submitted by Thursday, June 1st by 4:30 p.m. The line up numbers may be picked up at 10:30 a.m. All entries will be expected to be at

the line-up site at 11 a.m. The parade will go from West 6th and Alabama east to Porter Street. All winners will be notified.

June 17 Adult Basketball

The adult 3 on 3 basketball tournament will be held Saturday, June 17 at the Claude Cox Omnplex starting at 8 a.m. The entry fee is \$40. Prizes will be announced. For more information please contact Craig Mosquito at (918) 756-6473.

June 17 Child Safety Seat Check-up & Health Fair

The health fair and Child safety seat check-up will be held Saturday, June 17 starting at 9:30 a.m. with many different organizations giving out health and safety information and free goodies.

The Children's Clinic Staff of Okmulgee Indian Health Center (OIHC) will hold a child safety seat check-up clinic from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, at the Tribal Complex. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will check existing child safety seats to insure that they are correctly installed. For children whose existing safety seats have been recalled or are not functioning correctly, there will be a limited number of child safety seats to distribute on a first come, first served basis. Seats are limited to two per family. Parents will need to provide a tribal enrollment card or CDIB for the child. Child must be present to receive seat. For information, contact the Debra or Pam at (918) 758-1926.



June 17 Living Legends

One great event of the festival is the living legends ceremony. Created by Principal Chief A.D. Ellis, the living legends ceremony honors Muscogee (Creek) citizens who have made significant contributions to the tribe. The ceremony takes place on Saturday afternoon, June 17, at the Omnplex main stage. National Council Speaker George Tiger and Native American actress Irene Bedard will emcee this year's event. Applications are still being accepted for this prestigious honor until May 25. For more information, contact Rachel Sumka at (918) 732-7604.


June 17 Arts Festival

The 2006 Creek Council House Indian Art Festival has become a part of the scheduled festivities and will take place on



Saturday, June 17 on the historic grounds of the Creek Council Museum. The Council House is located in downtown Okmulgee. Native American artists from all over the country will showcase their art in the formats of paint, sculpture, pottery, jewelry and metal. Juried art, children's events, food vendors as well as the Native Praise choir will entertain the audience. Events begin at 10 a.m. along with a Creek traditional fashion show to begin at 10:30 a.m. The art festival is held in part by the Oklahoma Arts Council and the National Endowment for the arts. For more information, call (918) 732-2324.







\$250,000

American


Dream






Enter Daily Now Through July 25

\$2,000 Weekly Drawings every Tuesday at 6 pm

The life changing promotion from last year that everyone's still talking about is back to make someone's dream come true. Join us at Creek Nation Casino – Tulsa for the American Dream when one lucky person will win a brand new home in south Tulsa, a 2006 Hummer H3, and \$10,000 in cash!



South Tulsa • 81st & Riverside

www.creeknationcasino.com

Creek Nation Casino supports responsible gaming. If you think you have a gambling problem, please call 1-800-522-4700. This facility is regulated by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Public Gaming.



JUNE 9-10, 15-18 OKMULGEE, OK

CONTACT COORDINATOR FOR EACH EVENT

June 2nd & 3rd

Scholarship Pageant
Virginia Thomas 732-7939

Slowpitch Softball - Mallory Bible (918) 732-7639

June 9th & 10th

Slow Pitch Softball Tournament -Victor Bear (918) 261-2315

Junior Rodeo

June 15th

Stomp Dance - David Proctor - (918) 756-8504

June 16th

Youth Olympics - Tanya Bardin & Dawn Edwards (918) 732-7869

June 16th - 18th

Parade - Irene Culley (918) 756-9911, Ext. 334

Fastpitch Softball (Men & Women) - Dean Williams (918) 732-7790

Volleyball - Christine Denny (918) 296-3331

Basketball (Youth & Adult) - Craig Mosquito - (918) 756-6473

Horseshoes - Larry Soweka (918) 756-8504

Pow-wow - Dr. Cosar (918) 732-7727

Rodeo - Bob Arrington (918) 732-7650

Arts & Crafts - Melinda Taylor (918) 732-7727

Gospel Singing - Geebon Gouge (918) 732-7711

Creek Hymn Singing - Michael Coone

Senior Activities - Donna Martin (918) 732-7962

Golf Tournament - Bert Robinson (918) 689-2547

5-K Run - Lila Garrett (918) 732-7869

Art Contest/Fashion Show - Ted Isham (918) 756-2324

Musical Entertainment

Tulsa Casino & Salina Dornan (918) 732-7613

Vendors (Food) - Melissa Ambler (918) 732-7935

DOWNTOWN OKMULGEE

CREEK COUNCIL HOUSE MUSEUM



JUNIOR OLYMPICS
FRI JUNE 16, 8:30AM
HARMON STADIUM



COUNCIL HOUSE MUSEUM
106 W. 6th ST
PAGEANT RECEPTION
SAT JUNE 10, 10AM
ART CONTEST
SAT JUNE 17, 10AM
PARADE
SAT JUNE 17, 12:30PM
DOWNTOWN OKMULGEE

WOOD DR.

WOOD DR. (HWY 75)

13th ST.

6th ST.

OTHER FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

PAGEANTS

MISS & JUNIOR MISS

FRI JUNE 2, 7PM

LITTLE MISS & SENIOR MISS

SAT JUNE 3, 10AM

HENRYETTA HIGH SCHOOL

HENRYETTA, OK

KOWETA CLINIC GRAND OPENING

THURS JUNE 15, 10AM

31870 E. HIGHWAY 51

COWETA, OK

GOLF

FRI & SAT JUNE 16 & 17, 8 AM

FOUNTAINHEAD GOLF COURSE



CREEK HYMN SINGING

FRI & SAT JUNE 16-17, 1-6PM

COVELLE HALL

OSU-OKMULGEE

MISSION ST.

OSU - OKMULGEE
CAMPUS



POW WOW
SAT JUNE 17, STARTS 2PM
OSU-OKMULGEE
SOFTBALL FIELD

CREEK COMPLEX 2 MI. >

LIVING LEGENDS & STATE OF THE NATION

SAT JUNE 17th **OMNIPLEX**

4:00PM - 4:30PM "Warm Mvskoke Welcome" Scholarship

4:30PM - 5:30PM Living legends Awards

5:30PM - 6:00PM Chief Ellis "State of the Nation" Address



GOSPEL EXPO

FRI JUNE 16, 7:00PM

SPECIAL SINGING

OSU EXTENSION BUILDING

ONE HALF MI. WEST

OF OMNIPLEX



OMNIPLEX



SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL- FRI & SAT JUNE 9-10, 7 PM

CHILDREN ACTIVITIES- SAT JUNE 10, 10AM

STOMP DANCE- THURS JUNE 15, 6PM-12

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FASTPITCH SOFTBALL-

FRI-SUN JUNE 16-18, STARTS 7PM FRI

VOLLEYBALL- SAT JUNE 17, 9AM

3 ON 3 YOUTH BASKETBALL- FRI JUNE 16, 5PM

3 ON 3 ADULT BASKETBALL- SAT JUNE 17, 8AM

HORSESHOES- SAT JUNE 17, 8:00AM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT- FRI 4:30PM-12, SAT 3PM-12



MCN RODEO ARENA

JR. RODEO- SAT & SUN JUNE 10-11

SR. RODEO- FRI & SAT JUNE 16-17

7 PM NIGHTLY

SLACK SATURDAY 17th 10AM

CREEK TRAVEL PLAZA

US HWY 75

MEMORIAL PLAZA



CREEK MOUND BUILDING

ECOVLKE - DEER

FUSVYLKE BIRD

CUYVLKE - FOX

LYMHVYLKE - EAGLE

KATCVYLKE - PANTHER

YAHVYLKE - WOLF

PENWYLKE

WOTKVYLKE - RACCOON

HOUSING BUILDING

BEST WESTERN IBIK >

VUULVKE EN NENE

HWY 56

MARTHA BERRYHILL AVE

NOKUSVYLKE - BEAR

POLOKSE CIRCLE



ELDERLY ACTIVITIES
FRI JUNE 16, 9AM
ELDERLY NUTRITION BUILDING



5K RUN
SAT JUNE 17, 8 AM
MCN COMPLEX

